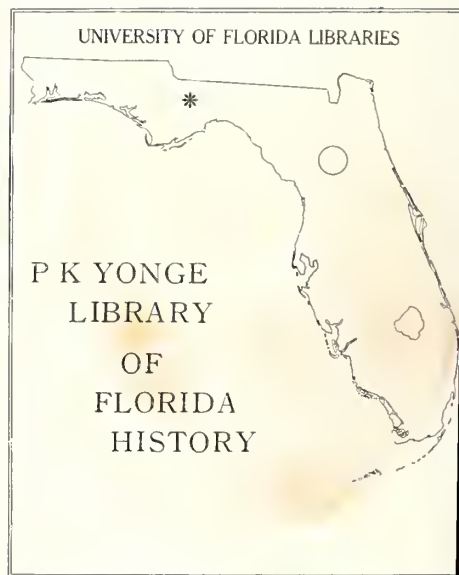
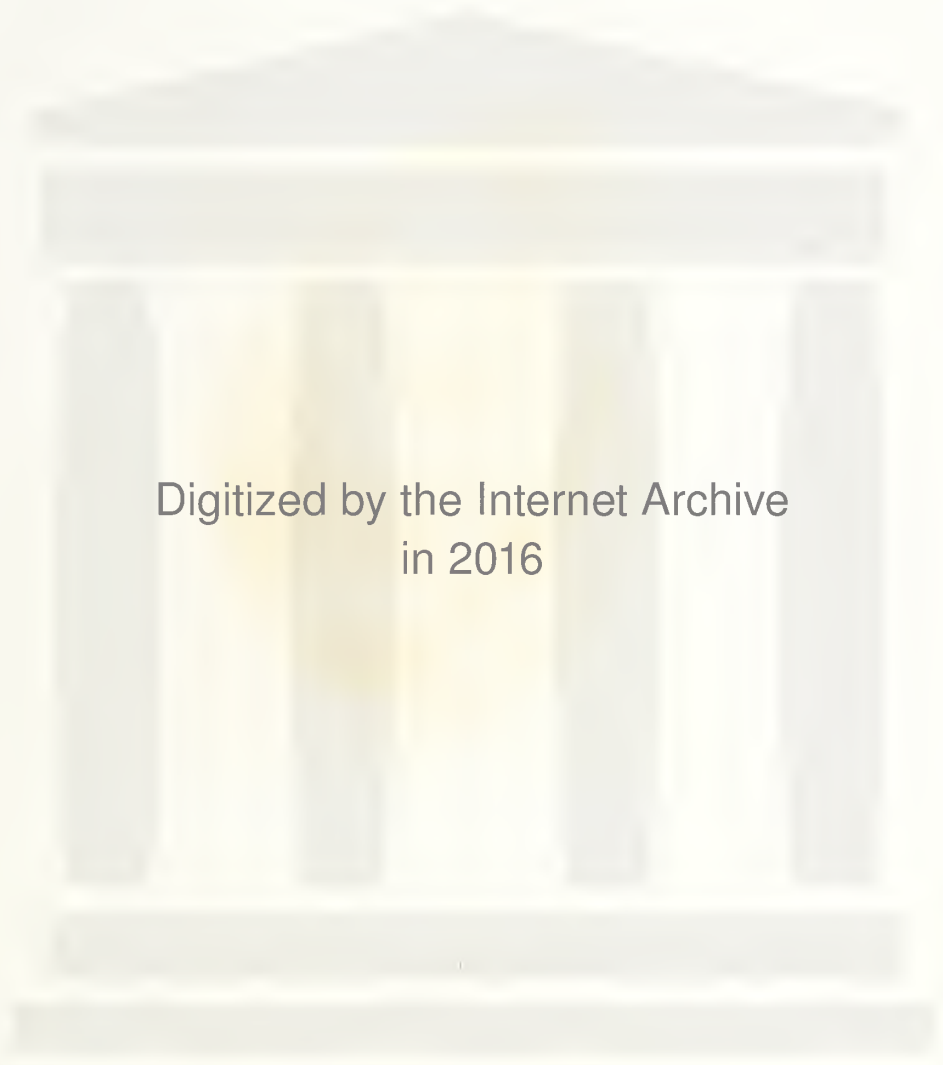






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Florida's Church Woman of the Year



MRS. HOWARD V. WEEMS

Mrs. Howard V. Weems of Sebring, Florida, President of the Florida Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, was named Church Woman of the Year by the United Church Women at their meeting in Orlando. The citation was presented by Rev. Robert Frey, President of the Florida Council of Churches.

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KNOW YOUR CONFERENCE

The following information was taken from the statistical records of the last session of the Annual Conference and compiled by the Rev. David J. Cathcart, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education. Of course, the information is subject to correction in the printed Journal but we thought you would be interested.—EDITOR

1. Number of Pastors Serving Churches:	
Conference members:	
Pas-ors in charge	335
Associate pastors	32
	367
Approved Supply Pastors:	
Pastors in charge	109
Associate pastors	4
"To be supplied"	7
	120
Total number of pastors serving	487
2. Classification of Approved Supplies:	
Full time	45
Part time	23
Student	14
Retired	31
"To be supplied"	7
Total	120
3. Number of Charges:	
Charges served by conf. members (75%)	335
Charges served by approved supplies (25%)	116
Total number of charges	451
4. Pastors Serving under Special Appointment:	
Missionaries	11
Military Chaplains	2
Conference Evangelists	2
Supernumerary	1
Student Work	2
Employed by colleges	11
Conference organizations	3
Miscellaneous	7
Total special appointment	57
Appointed to school	55
Serving churches	367
	422

* Total active members 479

* This includes 96 "On Trial"

5. Sizes of Churches:			
0- 24	18	400- 499	39
25- 49	47	500- 749	53
50- 99	85	750- 999	28
100-199	102	1000-1499	34
200-299	58	Over 1500	22
200-300	41	Total	527
28% of the churches have less than 100 members			
47% of the churches have less than 200 members			

6. Length of Pastorates: (1959-'60 appointments)		
	CONF.	APPROVED
YEARS	MEMBERS	SUPPLIES
1	105	*46
2	97	26
3	60	21
4	56	17
5	15	3
6	9	2
7	11	
8	2	
9	5	
10	1	
Over 10	6	5
	367	120

* Seven charges are to be supplied presumably by approved supply pastors.

7. Standing Among All Methodist Conferences:	
1. Virginia	332,671
2. Ohio	319,255
3. N. E. Ohio	254,252
4. W. North Carolina	254,338
5. Oklahoma	227,979
6. FLORIDA (1958-59)	220,645
There is the possibility that the Southern California-Arizona Conference will take 6th place and Florida will then be 7th.	

8. The Five Largest:	
Church Membership:	
Orlando, First	4,165
St. Petersburg, Christ	3,583
Coral Gables	3,472
Lakeland, First	2,806
St. Petersburg, First	2,764
Average Attendance - Sunday School	
Orlando, First	1,291
Sarasota, First	1,227
Ft. Myers, First	1,024
Bradenton, First	1,016
Lakeland, First	944
Children's Division	
Coral Gables	194
Orlando, First	981
Tampa, Palma Ceia	832
South Miami	760
Jacksonville, Arlington	728
Youth Division	
Orlando, First	602
Coral Gables	475
Pasadena	352
Tampa, Palma Ceia	348
Clearwater, First	346
Lakeland, First	346
Adult Division	
Orlando, First	1,536
St. Petersburg, Christ	975
Pasadena	698
Coral Gables	672
Lakeland, First	646

The Human Side of Religion . . . It Happened To A Missionary

The Rev. Lester E. Griffith, Jr., is a genial 6-foot, 4-inch missionary whose story of his six weeks' imprisonment by Algerian Rebels last year enthralled delegates and visitors at the Virginia Methodist Annual Conference in Norfolk.

The 34-year-old graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and the Vanderbilt School of Religion landed at Bougie, Algeria, in 1953 with his wife and two children, Valerie and Forrest.

Before going there he had studied French at the University of Paris, an important adjunct for a missionary to French-speaking Algeria.

Mr. Griffith was in charge of a Methodist Boys' home near Algiers, capital of Algeria. One day last summer he took a group of young boys and girls, including his two children, by car to a summer camp on the outskirts of the city. On his return alone at dusk he was stopped by rebel commandos on a road down a mountain gorge. The leader was a man of 32 and the rest were in their teens and early twenties.

The missionary could not identify himself to the satisfaction of his captors and was ordered to leave the car and go with them. For 40 days he led their lives, lurking in the hills during the day and marching with them at night. "The land belonged to the French during the day but to the rebels during the night," Mr. Griffith said.

For the first four days his hands were tied behind his back, a routine precaution taken by the rebels. After that the bonds were taken off. At all times he was well treated, he said.

During this time the rebels were seeking someone to identify Mr. Griffith. This came quite unexpectedly, when one day a man who knew him supplied the needed verification. He was an insurance agent, also a rebel, with whom the missionary had done business.

But the American could not be released until the top leader of the rebels said so. That required more weeks of marching, hiding, living in the mountains, before the overall head was encountered. He accepted Mr. Griffith's story and ordered his release.

Towards evening the missionary and a young rebel officer walked quietly into the village of Dgedj. The date was September 27, 1958, and it was Mr. Griffith's 34th birthday. The officer left him at the entrance to the Catholic mission in the nearby hills.

Algiers was not far away. He reached there and learned the North Africa Provisional Annual

By CASPER NANNES
Religious News Editor

The Washington, D. C. STAR

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Conference was being held. His wife, who had steadfastly believed he was alive while the others had given up hope, was there.

The American consul, to whom Mr. Griffith had gone, entered the hall, whispered his mission to the bishop, who asked that Mrs. Griffith step outside into the courtyard. When she did so, the consul, a close friend, told her, "I have the best birthday present you ever saw." He then called Mr. Griffith from the car.

At the conclusion of his story the missionary, who has a fine voice, was asked to sing a hymn. He sang two, both in Kabyle, the language of the aborigines. They were "Showers of Blessings" and "There is Only One Saviour, Our Lord Jesus Christ."

Mr. Griffith hopes to return to Algeria and continue his ministry. Despite his harrowing experience in that country's mountain ranges, he has a great love for the natives and sympathy for their aspirations.

Rural Fellowship Names "Church of the Year"

Grace Methodist Church, Liberty Circuit, Tallahassee District, was named "Church of the Year" for the Florida Conference at the Rural Fellowship Banquet, Thursday, June 4, during the Annual Conference. The Rev. Dan M. Gill, Rural Fellowship President, pre-



Left to right: Bishop Arthur J. Moore, the Rev. Francis Smelt, Dr. Shuler Peele and Layman Charles W. Roberts, Sr.

sided. The Rev. Francis C. Smelt, chairman of the Town and Country Commission, announced the winners, Bishop Arthur J. Moore presented certificates to the ten

"District Churches of the Year" and Mrs. John Branscomb presented Mr. Charles W. Roberts, Sr., a plaque, bearing the inscription, "Presented to Grace Methodist Church for Outstanding Achievements."

The ten district churches are:

Gainesville District—Bellevue, C. H. Ketchum, pastor.

Jacksonville District—Yulee, Larry Henize, pastor.

Lakeland District—Edge Memorial, Dan M. Gill, pastor.

Miami District—(Twins) Davie Community, John H. Hires, Jr., pastor; York Memorial, Ojus, Wm. C. Swygert, pastor.

Orlando District—Mims, D. L. Floyd, pastor.

St. Petersburg District—Crystal River, Don A. Walsh, pastor.

Sarasota District—Bonita Springs, Robert M. Bailey, pastor.

Tallahassee District—Grace Church, Grady E. Moates, pastor.

Tampa District—Thonotosassa, Joseph L. Martin, pastor.

West Palm Beach District—Canal Point, Robert A. Shelley, pastor.

The selections are made from a questionnaire submitted by the pastor. The top three from each district are selected by a district committee, headed by the district superintendent. These are then judges by the conference committee, which names the ten District Churches and selects the one most outstanding to be named "Conference Church of the Year."

Each of the ten winning pastors received a certificate naming him "Pastor of the Year" from his district, and a \$100.00 scholarship to the Town and Country School, Emory University.

Chairman Smelt announced the 1960 program for selecting the outstanding churches will follow the same plan, and urged all pastors to support the full program of the Methodist Church, as winners are based on the total program of the church, not on a single outstanding accomplishment.



New officers for the Rural Fellowship are pictured above, left to right: Treasurer, Tom Sofge; Vice President, John Hunt; President, Horace L. Boyd; Secretary, Donald Fadgett; Membership Secretary, Spivey Brabham.

Some Very Distinguished Givers to Florida Methodist Children's Home for 1958-1959

1. Orlando, First	\$6,616.79
2. Jacksonville, Lakewood	4,650.00
3. Pompano Beach, First	4,639.29
4. West Palm Beach, First	2,860.49
5. Lakeland, First	2,434.00
6. Seminole	2,327.29
7. Lake Worth, Calvary	2,277.54
8. Miami, Trinity	2,261.51
9. Winter Park, First	2,206.82
10. Bartow, First	2,111.46
11. Jacksonville, Riverside Park	2,056.37
12. Sarasota, First	2,064.12
13. Tallahassee, Trinity	1,922.50
14. Daytona Beach, First	1,913.21
15. Fort Lauderdale, Park Temple	1,860.00
16. Jacksonville, First	1,842.24
17. Winter Haven, Beymer Memorial	1,817.01
18. Tampa, Seminole Heights	1,757.30
19. Clearwater, First	1,718.69
20. Jacksonville, Murray Hill	1,660.00
21. Ocala, First	1,613.63
22. Fort Myers, First	1,586.28
23. Quincy, Centenary	1,577.80
24. Bradenton, First	1,568.75
25. Miami, Coral Gables, First	1,523.51
26. Jacksonville, Avondale	1,446.70
27. St. Petersburg, First	1,393.56
28. Leesburg	1,265.68
29. Daytona Beach, Community	1,253.85
30. St. Petersburg, Pasadena	1,250.04
31. Miami, Allapattah	1,219.68
32. Gainesville, First	1,171.11
33. Vero Beach, First	1,155.00
34. Tampa, Hyde Park	1,151.28
35. Sanford, First	1,135.00
36. Mount Dora	1,112.36
37. Arcadia	1,111.50
38. Fort Pierce, First	1,067.30
39. Bradenton, Trinity	1,038.00
40. New Smyrna Beach	1,030.00
41. Stuart	1,022.89
42. Hialeah, First	1,020.61
43. Tampa, First	1,012.00

Borrower Appreciates Loan; Sends Bonus

A man owed the Methodist Student Loan Fund \$245. Collections officer C. Eldon Wright, Nashville, wrote him about it. Soon Mr. Wright received a check for \$975, which was \$730 more than the amount due. "Keep what I sent," said the borrower. "I hope it will help someone else as much as the original sum helped me." The loan fund, administered by the Board of Education, depends for its existence on repayments of loans and on Methodist Student Day contributions. The number of loans made from the fund has increased 369 per cent in the last 14 years.

New Film on Interfaith Marriage Problems

It is hard to make an 18-year-old girl and a young man of 20 think much about possible problems that could mar their marriage. The parents of Marilyn Harper and Herbert Clark tried. The outcome of it all was that Herb talked Marilyn into an

elopement. He convinced her that their parents would not cooperate—they just brought up problems!

Marilyn and Herb have greater marriage problems than many young people who want to get married. The tension arises from the fact that she is Protestant and he is Roman Catholic.

Their story is told in a new color film, **One Love—Conflicting Faiths**, to be released July 15, which depicts the problems of interfaith marriage. Its aim is to help young people understand the points of conflict they inevitably face in a Protestant-Roman Catholic marriage. Produced jointly by the Department of Christian Family of the General Board of Education and TRAFICO (Television, Radio and Film Commission), the film is designed for high school and college youth, working young people, and parents of youth. Done by professional actors and filmed by Curtis Courant, an expert photographer, **One Love—Conflicting Faiths** is a forceful resource in the field of marriage preparation.

Joins Board of Education

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Decker, president of Wyoming Seminary, a Methodist secondary school at Kingston, Pa., will become director of the Department of Secondary and Higher Education of the Methodist General Board of Education here about September 1.

The announcement was made



DR. RALPH W. DECKER

by the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, general secretary of the General Board of Education's Division of Educational Institutions, of which the Department of Secondary and Higher Education is a part.

Dr. Decker will succeed the Rev. Dr. Myron F. Wicke, who resigned last year to become dean of the college of arts and sciences of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas.

New Magazine to Be Published in October

The new Methodist monthly, **Music Ministry**, will make its first appearance with the October issue. Edited by V. Earle Copes, the publication will offer guidance and inspiration to everyone in the local church or church school with music responsibilities. It will carry workshop-type articles, sample music, musical calendar, together with news and ideas from the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians. Subscription price is \$3. If ordered in bulk to be sent to a single address, the price is 60c per quarter. Order from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

Part of the task of the modern church is to get behind religious terminology to the realities which the words represent.

—The Epworth-Euclid Outlook

With Bishop John W. Branscomb in South America

By VICTOR L. RANKIN

(Continued from the Last Issue)

Crossing the great river in the La Plata, the River Plate, which divides Uruguay from Argentina, we flew into Buenos Aires, there to be met by Dr. John Norris, missionary professor of New Testament at the Union Theological Seminary, and former classmate of Bishop Branscomb. He was to be our host during our week's stay in the largest city in South America. We were guests of the seminary, known as the *Facultad de Teología*, where Dr. Foster Stockwell and his wife have given over thirty years of their lives to develop an institution which ranks with the best of Methodist seminaries, as well as to give great influence to the fields of church music and publishing.

Our week in Argentina was spent within the extensive city of Buenos Aires, where we visited Bard College, under the leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Bowman, First Methodist Church, on Corrientes Street, home of the English speaking congregation, of which Robert Schleger is the pastor; and the "Aurora" bookstore, beside first Methodist Church, which is known all over Latin America for its distribution of Christian books and literature in Spanish. On the week-end that we were in this part of the world, Bishop Branscomb was invited to travel to the city of Cordoba, where the Rev. Fletcher Anderson, the pastor. The Bishop had baptized Fletcher when he was pastor in Tampa, Florida, and had later ordained him into the ministry. He was impressed with the fact that both nations and missionaries spoke highly of the way that Anderson had learned the language quickly and had adapted himself so that he was highly acceptable to the Argentines.

Once again, in the great Central Methodist Church, in Buenos Aires, we witnessed what has proved a useful instrument of administration, the Conference board, a gathering together of the important offices of the annual conference, for periodic meetings, where matters of the national church administration can be worked out. Where Brazil has five annual conferences, and three bishops who can be fairly near at hand to guide conference programs of their autonomous church, Argentina expresses the Central Conference. One Bishop, whom we were to meet later, in Bolivia, U. Santo Barbieri, preaches over Uruguay, Argentina and Bolivia. He needs the cooperative

administrative function of the Conference Board. We saw missionaries and national leaders sit down together to plan mutually in the development of the Argentine Church.

After a short week in this great capital, we took off for Santiago, and during the flight flew over the roof of the world, the Andes. As we came through the pass, with snow-covered peaks on each side, we were told that the Christ of the Andes was below us, a tiny speck, which we could not see. Bishop Branscomb, knowing that the statue had been placed on the border of the two countries as a reminder of the peace that should exist between them, wondered how either country could be concerned about disputing a border that was divided by the barrier of the mighty and vast Andes.

In another world, in Santiago, our host was Wallace Arms, treasurer of the mission in Chile, who had carefully planned our journey to see important aspects of Methodist work in this land which is 3,000 miles long. In Santiago, we were inspired by the excellent day nursery developed in the Sweet Memorial Institution by Miss Florence Prouty, worker of the world division of our board. Beside it, the Training School for Workers, under the direction of Walter Mason, was seen to be developing a program on the secondary education level that would provide the Chilean Church with lay workers, as well as those who would attend the seminary in Buenos Aires. Santiago College was impressive as we walked through its gardens, and sensed the solidarity of this educational institution, vitally related to the life of Santiago, across the years.

We met the pastors of Santiago, and Bishop Branscomb preached in a most active mission of the Central Church organized among the poor of the city. He was impressed by the fervor of the congregation. Always one to salute his people with "Amen and Amen!" he seemed gratified to hear his sermon punctuated with frequent "Amen's" from that humble congregation.

Our trip south from Santiago took us, after an all-night Pullman trip on the train, to Temuco, where we were met by the Rev. Dave Lowry and his five-year-old twin boys, Paul and Carl, dressed as gauchos of that area of Chile. Before driving in the jeep to Nueva Imperial, where they live and work, we attended the "country fair" in Temuco, saw demonstrations of interesting handicraft, typical of the area, and wit-

nessed a Chilean rodeo. In Nueva Imperial, we met Dr. Mary Sue Lowry, M.D. She and her husband serve a comprehensive project among the Auranian Indians that includes seven elementary schools as centers for church and clinic activities; a well-equipped clinic; an agricultural school for boys and girls, and the Church at Nueva Imperial.

As we wore overcoats indoors and in the church service (Floods and Cubans were out of their element in the damp and windy Chilean springtime), and as we piled under four blankets at night and gratefully touched hot water bottles with our toes, we agreed that nowhere had we seen any work of our church that required more stamina on the part of its missionaries than here at Nueva Imperial. How able they were! How cheerful in the face of obstacles! How great was the need for them!

After a weekend here, a short train trip put us in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Reed, at the famous "El Vergel" farm. As the grass-covered fields rolled away from us, protecting the soil from the erosion that had once set in; as the great stands of pines grasped the rocks of the hillsides into a firm bulwark protecting against the torrents of the Andes foothills, we were reminded of the descriptive writing of Louis Bromfield when he inspired us with the story of the grass-farming of "Malabar" in Ohio. Neighboring farms, held by land owners who never visit their hills to see the tragedy of the red gashes of erosion, give testimony to the message of stewardship developed across thirty-two years by Elbert Reed and his fellow workers. Beyond trees and grass are the elementary schools, the two agricultural schools, the clinic and social center, and the far-reaching influence of this far min the total life of Chile. Bishop Branscomb wanted to see and comprehend all that the 4,000 acres could tell of inspiring story as interpreted by Mr. Reed.

(To be continued)

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The month of November is observed nationally as Religion in American Life Month and is so proclaimed by the governors of most states. It will appear in full color on 6,500 billboards, 10,000 posters on the sides of buildings and at transportation terminals, and 90,000 car cards in buses and subways. In addition, it will provide the theme for 10,000 newspaper advertisements, hundreds of magazine ads, and will be seen "live" and on film on network and

local television thousands of times. The theme, "Find the Strength for Your Life," is repeated for the third consecutive year and will provide the basis once again for tens of thousands of spoken messages on radio and television. At the same time, the poster will be distributed through denominational and religious group channels, and through the 5,000 chapters of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce and hundreds of Kiwanis clubs, for placement in store windows and bulletin boards during RIAL community and congregational campaigns in over 1,000 cities and towns. More than \$8,000,000 worth of time and space is expected to be contributed to the campaign through The Advertising Council, the public service agency of American business, advertisers,

and the mass communication media. Religion in American Life is sponsored by 70 lay men and women of all faiths and is headed by Robert T. Stevens of New York, national chairman, former Secretary of the Army and president of J. P. Stevens and Co.

A free program kit is available from RIAL, 300 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. It contains information on how to get free RIAL billboards, bus cards, newspaper ads, radio spot announcements, and other advertising materials. There are also program guides for congregational and community-wide attendance campaigns, and samples of RIAL mailing pieces for use in these efforts.

Religion in American Life is endorsed, supported and promoted by 26 national religious groups, including The Methodist Church.



The house pictured above was recently acquired for a parsonage by the Winter Park Methodist Church. Of recent construction, it has four bedrooms and baths plus a pastor's study. The address is 232 Osceola Court. Lakefront privileges go with the house.

involve every church in our conference. It will further involve the five commissions with each local church, as well as chairmen of official boards, lay leaders and pastors.

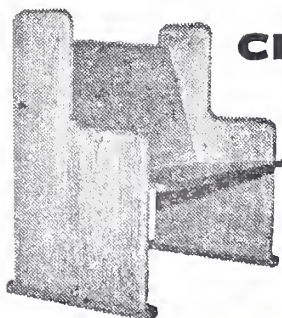
This week is an outgrowth of the Coaching Conference held in Leesburg last April, at which time representatives of each district were given special instructions in order that they might relay such information to the local churches.

Each district may have as many

as four or five sub-district meetings or 20 meetings in as many local churches. The suggested timing is: 7:30-7:50 P. M. Opening and Orientation; 8:00-9:30 P. M. Study Groups involving each of the above mentioned groups. Your conference Committee on the Local Church urges every pastor to put his fullest influence behind this program so that the local church may be a more effective avenue of service for the Kingdom of our Lord.

Fall Brings Emphasis On the Local Church

By action of the Annual Conference the month of September has been designated as **Local Church Emphasis Month**. The district superintendents have been sent a suggested program which will in-



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The Fourteenth Annual Florida Conference School of Missions and Christian Service of the Woman's Society will be held July 27th to 31st.

The Seventh Annual Wesleyan Service Guild will meet July 24th to July 26th.

Florida Southern College — Lakeland, Florida

REGISTRATION for the Wesleyan Service Guild will be Friday evening and Saturday morning in Building 17. Mrs. Virgil Morgan and Mrs. Garfield Evans will direct fun and fellowship after dinner Friday evening.

Saturday morning, 7:15-7:30, morning devotions will be conducted by Mrs. Thelma Damewood.

Breakfast will be served 7:35 in the school cafeteria. General assembly will be at 9 A.M. 9:30, Mrs. J. Boyd Tyrell will discuss the United Nations. 10:45, Dr. Zack S. Henderson will tell of "The Church's Mission in Town and Country." Luncheon will be 12:15. 1:30 P.M., Mrs. Frank Bell will tell of Africa. 2:45 P.M., clinics for officers and lines of work. Dinner will be served at 5:15. 7:30-8:30 there will be fellowship in the First Methodist Church.

Sunday at 7:15 A.M. there will be morning devotions and breakfast at 7:35. 9:00 A.M., "The Gospel of Luke" will be told by the Rev. Fred L. Martin; following this holy communion will be administered by Dr. Zack Henderson and the Rev. Mr. Fred Martin. Dinner will be served at 12:15.

Clinics will be conducted by Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy and Mrs. R. L. Richey and by chairmen of lines of work, Mrs. Thelma Damewood, Mrs. Lassie Shaw, Mrs. William Roberts, Miss Nadine Turnipseed, Mrs. Fred Grady and Miss Mabel Harper.

Registration for the Florida Conference Woman's Society School will begin Monday morning at 8:30 and continue until 3 P.M. with Mrs. Allen Watson directing. First class period will be at 3 P.M. to 3:50 with the second period beginning at 4 P.M. to 4:50 P.M. Dinner and orientation will be at 5:30 P.M. in the college cafeteria with Mrs. Paul M. Stewart presiding. 7:30 P.M. there will be district presidents hostesses. Places to be announced.

Tuesday will begin regular sessions and programs for the remainder of the week. 7:10-7:25 there will be morning devotions in each dormitory with breakfast at 7:30 in the college cafeteria. First class sessions will begin each morning at 8:30 through 10:20. Tuesday morning at 10:50 to noon there will be clinics for the district officers with their conference officer. Luncheon will be each day at 12:15 noon. Faculty presentation will be each day at 1:45 P.M. to 3:00. Rest and study each day at 3:15-5:00 with dinner at 5:15. Tuesday evening 7-8:30 there will be singing, Bible hour and film in the First Methodist Church fellowship hall. 9:00-10:00 P.M., study; 10:30, quiet.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be much the same pattern. Wednesday and Thursday at 10:40 to 12:10 there will be clinics for the local societies. Friday at 10:40 there will be a Bible hour in Pfeiffer Chapel. Wednesday evening at 7:30 there will be singing, Bible hour and film, place to be announced. Thursday evening holy communion will be observed in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church, Lakeland.

The literature room will be open on Monday until 10 P.M.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 A.M. until 10 P.M. There will be no sale of literature on Friday.

There have been some changes in the faculty since first announced. Those additions and changes are as follows: Teaching the study on Africa will be Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, Mrs. Frank Bell and Miss Louise Robinson. Teaching the study "The Church's Mission in Town and Country" will be Mrs. Charles M. Henderson and Dr. Zack Henderson. Teaching "The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs" will be Mrs. Paul Arrington, Mrs. J. Boyd Tyrell and Mrs. Sam E. Ashmore. The Gospel of Luke will be taught by Mrs. E. B. White, Mrs. T. N.

Alexander and Mr. Fred L. Martin.

The school committee for 1959 are: Chairman, Mrs. Paul M. Stewart; dean, Mrs. J. Withers Blake; registration, Mrs. Allen Watson; office secretaries, Mrs. Virgil Morgan, Mrs. Claude Neet; treasurer, Mrs. W. Leroy Schoch; literature, Mrs. R. E. Lassiter; first aid, Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy; hostess to faculty and special guest, Mrs. C. Durward Johnson; housing, Mrs. David Thurman; classrooms, Mrs. T. M. Rickards, Jr., and Mrs. A. M. Elder; music, Mrs. Howard V. Weems, Mrs. Garfield Evans; local chairman, Mrs. Frank Tate; college coordinator, Mr. Corning F. Tolle.

Items of Interest in the Districts

ST. PETERSBURG DISTRICT—Mrs. Thomas C. Kern reports three items, first of particular interest was a surprise birthday party given by members and friends of the Lakewood Methodist Church for their beloved pastor, who found it necessary to resign his position of minister to this church. Dr. and Mrs. Pickens have added a spark of Christianity to the Lakewood Community and with their zealous leadership the charter membership of 29 has grown to over 300 members today. Second, the Woman's Society of St. Luke's Church have established a precedent of presenting an adult special membership to any of its membership who is elected to the District Executive Committee, which they wished to do for Mrs. Thomas C. Kern, who is completing her first year on the committee, and since she had already received an honorary special membership pin, St. Luke's presented \$25 toward Crusade Scholarship fund. A fine program on Crusade Scholarships was presented at a recent meeting, it created so much interest that an additional \$200.00 was given for this fund to honor retiring officers. Third, the St. Petersburg District completed a series of six officer training days with all but one society represented and a total of 407 in attendance. Calvary Society had 100 per cent of its officers present and will receive a scholarship to the school of missions. Reports are that this series was the most helpful and interesting of any conducted.

WEST PALM BEACH—Mrs. H. L. Hawkins of the Northwood Methodist Church Woman's Society sent pictures on these pages, the one of the four girls shows Mrs. Pauline Roberts, president of the Woman's Society when she presented them with honorary youth



memberships. They are, left to right, the Misses Louise Keller, Mary Mitchell, Margaret Mitchell and Joanna Weimer; not in the picture was Elaine Edwards. The second picture showing, left to right, Mrs. Paul Moyle, incoming president of the Woman's Society pins a past president's pin on Mrs. Pauline Roberts, outgoing president, who has served two years.



The new officers of the Northwood Woman's Society are: President, Mrs. Paul Moyle; vice president, Mrs. Lois Thorley; recording secretary, Mrs. Rufus McCully; treasurer, Mrs. Richard Philbrick; secretary of promotion, Mrs. Harry Bennett; secretary of missionary education, Mrs. C. N. Stringer; secretary of C.S.R., Mrs. David Clary; secretary of local church, Mrs. Mark Macon; secretary of spiritual life, Mrs. Emma Jackson; secretary of student work, Mrs. Fred Johnson; secretary of youth work, Mrs. Julius Bulky; secretary of children's work, Mrs. James Newson; secretary of supply, Mrs. Janis Byrd; secretary of status of women, Mrs. Winifred; representative to Council of Church Women, Mrs. Margaret Cuthbert; representative for Chain of Missions, Mrs. Harold Hawkins; chairman of public relations, Mrs. H. L. Hawkins; circle leaders are Mrs. Ernest Brady, Mrs. Loren Culver, Mrs. John Brower, Mrs. Mark Macon, Mrs. Arthur Fischer and Mrs. Charles Cave.

MIAMI DISTRICT—Mrs. Phillip Sellati sends a picture story show-

ing a poster telling of *Costa Rica*, the 33rd country, where work of



The Woman's Division started to work June first. Shown holding the poster, left to right are Mrs. Jack Graham, District Vice-President; Mrs. T. E. Groome, District Secretary of Promotion, and Mrs. H. D. Freeman, District President. The story of this country was told with a film strip shown by Mrs. Conrad Arnold, District Chairman of Audio-Visual Aid of The Methodist Church, and presented by Mrs. Jack Graham and used in three OFFICER TRAINING SESSIONS. This was the first time such a work has been shown in the Miami District.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT—

Mrs. Wayne Thompson tells of a most impressive installment service recently conducted for the Woman's Society of Snyder Memorial Methodist Church. The service was conducted by the minister, Rev. Mr. Robt. J. Gisler. Against a rich purple background stood a huge white cross, flanked by tall candelabrum containing candles for each officer. Attached to the cross were small lavender crosses each bearing the name of the incoming officer. As the officers stood, a candle was lighted and her cross passed to her by the ladies signifying - "by passing the cross" each one would help her carry the cross of her office. Mrs. Edwin B. White was the guest speaker, using for her subject 'Unofficial Ambassadors'. She issued a challenge to Christian Women to meet their responsibilities.

The members of the District Executive Committee gave a luncheon to honor Dr. and Mrs. Clare M. Cotton, District Superintendent who left the Jacksonville District this year to re-enter the pastorate. Dr. Cotton was greatly surprised when Mrs. Ralph Perkins, the District President, pinned him to the

Woman's Society with a Special Membership pin and gave Mrs. Cotton a remembrance from the District.

The Jacksonville District is also proud to claim Miss Ada Leigh Wall, whose picture appears on



ADA LEIGH

these pages, as an outstanding young Methodist. Ada Leigh spoke to us at the Annual meeting when she told of her experiences at the Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri this spring. Ada Leigh has been named the outstanding senior or Woman at Florida State University and this award came as a climax to an outstanding and rarely equalled collegiate career. She had been an outstanding student during her high school days and graduated as valedictorian of her class.

Since she has been a student of F.S.U. she has been in almost every area of student activity. Her first year she was elected to membership in the Sophomore Council, a leadership and service organization and a member of Alpha Kappa Delta National scholastic honorary for freshman women. During the next three years she served as woman's vice president of the student body, chairman of Religious Emphasis Week, a student senator, state secretary and state vice president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and two terms on the Wesley Foundation Council. She is included in the 1959 edition of Who's Who among students in American Universities and Colleges. The Mortar Board award given each year to the woman with the highest scholastic average went to this remarkable young lady all three years. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honoraries. Ada Leigh is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Wall of Jacksonville and long-time members of the Swaim Memorial Methodist Church. Ada Leigh, we salute you and will look forward to your being one of the outstanding women of the church.

MRS. VIRGIL MORGAN, The Florida Conference Woman's Society Secretary of Promotion, sends us the following information regarding the number of Societies and membership as of this year, June 1958 - June 1959. 463 Societies in the State of Florida. Total membership (not including Guilds) 38,592. Mrs. Morgan also reports 100% reporting, this was a repeat of the report period end-

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GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

Mrs. Robert D. Biedsoe, Mrs. John Zerbe and Mrs. Edward R. Scharar, who have been given life memberships in the W.S.C.S., were honored along with new members of the society at a candlelight service at the Methodist Temple, Lakeland, early in June.

Miss Bette Ann Brown of Melbourne, who was a student last year at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., is one of 31 persons participating in a Methodist travel seminar and work camp in Europe this summer. The project is sponsored by the Methodist Student Movement.

Dr. Vela Cleveland, medical missionary to India supported in part by the Methodist Men of Wesley Memorial, Lakeland, reports that she will use much of a recent \$100 gift to buy a bicycle to be used in her work and in attending school in Tumkur where she will study the Indian tongue for at least six months.

The chimes recently installed at the Lake Placid Church were dedicated on May 31 honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Barton, Sr. Mr. Barton is a retired member of the Florida Conference now living in Lake Placid.

Mr. A. H. French, who has written the news items from churches in the Lakeland District for **The Florida Methodist** for several years, and his wife observed their golden wedding anniversary on June 10. A reception was held in the social hall of Trinity Church, Lakeland, where they received the congratulations of many of their friends.

Led by Mrs. E. L. Luttrell of the W.S.C.S. and Mrs. Jack Dodd, Counselor, the MYF at Oviedo led the church-wide study on Hawaii. They made leis for every person attending.

The pastor and congregation of the First Baptist Church, Cross City, attended the evening service at the Methodist Church on June 14 to welcome the latter's new pastor, the Rev. Ernest Coffee, and family.

In his last mid-week bulletin as pastor of Asbury Church, Bartow, the Rev. Herbert Bowdoin made known that Miss Ruth Brooks had donated \$500 toward the fund raised by the church for the erection of a chapel in Cuba. She gave it as a memorial to her father, the Rev. Samuel Brooks,

formerly a member of the South-west Missouri Conference. She plans to go to Cuba this summer, at her own expense, to help in church Bible schools, Brother Bowdoin said.

The Rev. Whitney J. Dough, one of the ministers at First Church, West Palm Beach, and his wife are vacationing in Jamaica where Mr. Dough is also holding a preaching mission.

Albert R. Adams, supervising principal of the Lakeland area schools, was guest speaker at the Fifth Sunday night service at Trinity Church, Lakeland, on May 31. As customary on Fifth Sundays the pastor had a "night off" and Clark McQuaig, who was just completing 29 years as a member of the official board, presided.

First Church, Fort Meade, will redecorate the interior of the parsonage during the vacation absence of the Rev. Claude Stanfield and family.

Miss Lillian Kelley, head deaconess of the Miami Latin Center, and Mrs. Jack W. Graham, vice president of the Miami District W.S.C.S., were panelists on the TV series, "TALK BACK," last month.

Juvenile Judge Mervin Reher was the Men's Club speaker at Lake Placid last month.

The Rev. A. M. Dorsett began his duties as minister of visitation and assistant to the pastor of First Church, Dade City, June 1.

Visit Methodist Institutions This Summer!

CHICAGO—A U. S. Methodist tourist map is being issued for the convenience of members who would like to visit Methodist institutions on or near the highways over which they travel on vacation trips.

Four general agencies of the church are cooperating with **The Methodist Story**, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, which is issuing the map. The cooperating agencies are: The Division of National Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions, the Board of Hospitals and Homes, and the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education.

The Rev. Howard Greenwalt, business manager of **The Methodist Story**, said that this is the first time The Methodist Church has prepared a U. S. map which locates all of the church's institutions with reference to major highways. The copyrighted scale map lists 888 Methodist institutions in the 50 states, including

hospitals, homes, colleges, mission projects and points of special Methodist interest. It also locates all national boards and area and conference headquarters.

Printed in four colors, the map is 29 by 42 inches and is available in folded, glove-compartment size or flat, suitable for wall display.

The map will be released June 15. It may be purchased from **The Methodist Story** or the nearest branch of The Methodist Publishing House.

Hughletts Will Return To Belgian Congo

GREENCASTLE, Ind., June 21—Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hughlett, Cocoa, Fla., were among six persons commissioned here tonight for Methodist missionary service overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughlett will return to the Belgian Congo to do work in the fields of engineering and education. Both have spent four years there as Methodist missionaries.

Mrs. Hughlett is the former Miss Mary Jane Curry of Lind, Wash.

The Hughletts were commissioned at the Methodist Furloughed Missionaries Conference at DePauw University by Bishop Cyrus B. Dawsey of Columbia, S. C., a retired bishop of the Methodist Church of Brazil.

Mr. Hughlett was born in Wembo Nyama, one of the Methodist mission stations in the central Belgian Congo. His parents, Dr. and Mrs. William S. Hughlett, still are serving as missionaries in the Congo.

Coming to the United States for higher education, Mr. Hughlett studied four years at Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg and received the bachelor of science degree in agricultural engineering. He did theological study at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.

In 1955 Mr. Hughlett went to the Congo as a special-term Methodist missionary. It was there that he met and married Mrs. Hughlett.

Born in Spokane, Wash., Mrs. Hughlett spent her early life there and in Lind. She attended Whittier College, Whittier, Calif., and was graduated in 1955 with a bachelor of arts degree in home economics. She went to the Congo in 1955 as a missionary teacher.

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Delegates Elected To General Conference

Perhaps one of the most important tasks of the last session of the Annual Conference was the election of delegates to the coming General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Although they were widely reported in the public press, we give you here the names of those elected and, except for the fact that occasionally there were several persons elected on the same ballot, we list them in the order of their election.

The clerical delegates elected to the General Conference are: Dr. Ron A. Cooke, Bradenton; Dr. Henry W. Blackburn, West Palm Beach; Dr. George Foster, Fort Lauderdale; Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, St. Petersburg; Dr. E. J. Sandergrass, Orlando; Dr. Charles L. Thrift, Jr., Lakeland; Dr. Albert Dale Hagler, West Palm Beach.

The lay delegates elected to the General Conference are: R. Howard Berg, Melbourne; Mrs. H. V. Feems, Sebring; Fred B. Noble, Jacksonville; Glenn Gold, Miami; Glenn E. McCormick, St. Petersburg; Mrs. A. R. Ivey, New Smyrna Beach; Robert T. Mann, Tampa.

Clerical delegates elected to the Jurisdictional Conference (these also serve as alternates to the General Conference) are: Dr. Clare M. Cotton, Lakeland; Dr. J. Melton Ware, Jacksonville; Dr. C. C. Cleveland, St. Petersburg; Dr. Lewis Head, Coral Gables; Dr. Glenn C. James, Tallahassee; the Rev. John J. Rooks, Fort Myers; Dr. Harry H. Waller, Sarasota; Dr. J. M. McLeod, Jacksonville; Dr. R. C. Holmes, Lakeland.

Lay delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference are: Madison Macetti, West Palm Beach; Tom Wade, Starke; C. B. Peeler, Jacksonville; Ed H. Allen, Orlando; John B. Sargeant, Lakeland; Mrs. B. White, Jacksonville; E. W. Older, Gainesville; Morton McDonald, DeLand; and D. C. Dawns, Jacksonville.

Clerical reserve delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference are: Dr. M. Boyd, Miami; the Rev. R. A. Wiley, Lakeland; Dr. Shuler Peele, Tallahassee; and Dr. John H. Anger, Jacksonville.

Lay reserve delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference are: Mrs. E. Rutland, McIntosh; J. M. Medley, Daytona Beach; John Mroull, Palatka; and O. L. Himelheber, Homestead.

The General Conference will meet in Denver, Colorado, April 11-May 11, 1960. The Jurisdictional Conference will meet at Lake Umbagog, N. C., July 13-17, 1960. Future issues of the FLORIDA METHODIST will carry more information concerning the delegates and some of the problems with which they shall be dealing.

HOW DO YOU RATE AS A MATE?

Are you great as a mate—or are you a louse as a spouse? Though sometimes your best friend won't tell you, these twenty questions, compiled by public relations experts for the Barbasol Co., should help you arrive at an answer—and a better rating. Much of the questionnaire is based on marketing research carried out by Barbasol in connection with the development of its new Presto Lather with Actamer.

1. Do you sometimes give in to avoid an argument even if you know that your one and only is dead wrong?

No statistician has ever calculated the number of marriages that cracked on the rock of "principle," but it must be considerable. You won't beef up your spouse's stubborn streak just by conceding a point—quite the opposite. People are at their most conciliatory after winning a round.

2. Show loyalty by building him or her up in public and keeping your spouse's secrets?

Fidelity is more than a matter of staying monogamous. You're



being disloyal every time you recite "cute" anecdotes that make your better half look small, or publicly correct his (her) facts or grammar, or tell your friends and relatives things they have no right to know.

3. Maintained friendly relations with your in-laws?

One of the soundest married-life insurance policies, experts say. By showing your mate that you're not a "louse" as a spouse, you're part of himself.

4. Ever use your mate as a threat or alibi when dealing with children? (e. g., "Wait till your father hears about this," "You know your mother won't want you to go.")

Casting your mate as the heavy father or pistol-packin' mama to

dodge responsibility for an unpopular decision is psychologically unsound, morally shady—and besides it doesn't work. Sooner or later the kids catch on.

5. Try persistently to change him (her)?

Hard on the vocal chords and the marriage ties, and futile besides. The only person who can change your mate is friend spouse himself. You married for what he was—or did you?

6. And attempt to correct your own flaws if they distress your mate?

All right, so your mate shouldn't try to change you. But maybe that one cherished vice isn't worth the contention it causes, and "kicking the habit" might make your spouse vow to be more punctual, less overweight, or whatever you've been striving to make him.

7. Watch your appearance as carefully now as you did before?

You should—but if you do, you're rather uncommon. A survey made by the Barbasol Company, one of the nation's leading manufacturers of shaving cream, revealed that a surprising percentage of the wives and husbands polled thought their mates had gone to seed in five years or more of marriage. Husbands objected most to being greeted in the evenings by a bedraggled mate. Other complaints: general slackness about grooming, loss of girlish figures. And several men wistfully wondered whatever happened to the sexy perfume mama used to wear during courtship. Wives, more tolerant as a group, were sporting about receding hair-lines ("There's nothing he can do about it, I guess") but less philosophical about advancing waistlines and the tendency of some husbands to sit around in their stubble at night and on Sundays.

8. Try the same flattery you used then.

Even if you didn't specialize in blarney, you undoubtedly showed a flattering interest in everything your prospective partner said or did. Try it again. One good home remedy for domestic headaches and other complications: really listening when your mate speaks.

9. Have a hobby or other strong interest which is now shared by your mate?

According to many psychologists, you should! Too much togetherness can be stifling—and ultimately stale. A separate interest gives you breadth as well as a breather.

To make your time together more valuable, (1) always have some joint project in the works, (2) occasionally turn off the TV and just talk—or walk, (3) plan a night out for just the two of you at least once a month—often-

er if you can manage it.

10. Avoid such antagonizers as "After all I've done for you." "Any good wife (husband) would...?"

A sure way to foster the very behavior you dislike is to make your mate feel guilty or inadequate. The essence of real self-sacrifice is that it be unpublicized. Another phrase to avoid: "Isn't that just like a man (woman)?" If you must be insulting, at least give your partner the credit of uniqueness: "No other man (woman) could be so dumb!"

Men Only

11. Do you bring home flowers or candy every now and then?

Few investments yield quicker returns.

12. Perform little courtesies, help her on with her coat, open doors for her? Inexpensive and infallible methods of making a woman feel more like a woman.

13. Ask her advice—and take it if it's good?

There's no higher compliment. A noted marriage counselor reports that one of the primary grievances voiced by wives is that preoccupied husbands make them feel "invisible."

14. Compliment her when she's gone to special trouble to prepare a dish you like?

Bread cast on the waters may yield French toast.

15. Learn a new joke occasionally?

If this one isn't in the marriage manuals, it should be.

Women Only

16. Is your home neat—but not so neat that your husband feels like a bull in a china shop?

If you have the space, set aside a den or workshop where he can scatter ashes or wood shavings to his heart's content.

17. Do you read the newspaper every day?

Many women who complain that their husbands don't talk to them haven't much to say.

18. Do you make him feel he's at least as important to you as the kids?

The counterpart of the wife who feels "invisible" is the husband who thinks he's valued only as a provider and "the father of her children." Both types are frequently found in counseling sessions and divorce courts.

19. Avoid comparing his accomplishments with those of other husbands you know?

No comparison is ever fair. Concentrate on praising and polishing his good points and you'll have something that Mrs. Jones will try to keep up with.

20. Avoid reciting the trials and tribulations of your day as soon as he steps in the door?

At least wait till you've given him his supper.

Scoring Key

A perfect 15—you're too good to be true! Better go over the questions again.

14-12—despite some flaws, you're a first rate mate.

11-7—with many good points and some few quirks that bear correcting, you're about average.

Below 7—you're an apprentice mate. Careful that your mate doesn't send you to boot camp.

Counseling Workshop Announced for Aug. 24-28

An increasing awareness that the pastor of a church is as effective as his ability to establish and maintain sound relations between individuals and groups has resulted in the planning of a workshop in pastoral counseling August 24-28 at the University of Florida, Troy M. Wakefield, assistant professor of church community service for the General Extension Division of Florida, said last week.

According to Wakefield, the aims of the workshop are to supply information about human needs and motives, suggest effective ways of dealing with individuals and groups, describe techniques for ministering to the emotionally troubled, and provide an opportunity to exchange ideas with professional psychiatrists and psychologists.

The workshop will be conducted by the General Extension Division of Florida in cooperation with the Florida Council of Churches and the departments of psychology and religion of the University of Florida.

Specialists in the fields of psychiatry, psychology and religion have been appointed to the workshop faculty.

One of them is Dr. Wayne E. Oates, professor of pastoral psychology at the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky. A well-known authority in the field of pastoral counseling, Dr. Oates has authored numerous books and articles on the subject.

Clergymen of all faiths have been invited to participate in the workshop but enrollment will be limited to forty pastors.

Further information about the workshop may be obtained by writing to Troy M. Wakefield, General Extension Division of Florida, Room 809, Seagle Building Gainesville, Fla.

—Pat McBride, Publicity Chmn.

Wesleyan Honors Sarasota Layman

Scott Bascomb Appleby of Sarasota, well-known Southern philanthropist and financier, was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of laws by Wesleyan College at the commencement exer-

cises June 1.

Chairman of the board of trustees of Young Harris College, Mr. Appleby is a member of the Georgia Methodist Commission on Higher Education.

Through the years he has donated large sums for churches and missions and has been in great demand as a speaker before Christian laymen's organizations.

In 1958 Mr. Appleby established the Appleby Trust, a non-denominational fund of national scope. This consists of more than one million dollars to be used to assist theological schools and to aid worthy theological students in completing their preparation for the ministry.

As a trustee for Young Harris College, his alma mater, he has established scholarships for physically handicapped students and has built physical improvements at a cost of almost one million dollars. At the same time he has brought the school's endowment funds to an equal amount.

Highly successful as a financier, he has been noteworthy for his support of Christian education, churches, and many charitable institutions. His former home in Augusta was donated to the city as a library and he became the patron of the "Music in the Garden" summer concert series there.

A native of Jefferson, Mr. Appleby now resides in Sarasota, Fla. He is a trustee of American University in Washington, D. C. He has always evidenced an active interest in the cause of Christian education, and without his assistance, many young students would have found it impossible to obtain their education and subsequently to assume positions of leadership in church and civic affairs.

As stated in the citation: "Truly one who has shared his worldly goods with others and who has worked untiringly for worthy causes, Scott Appleby has become perhaps the South's best known philanthropist, Christian layman, and friend of Christian education."

Mrs. Appleby was present for the presentation and assisted in hooding her husband after President B. Joseph Martin officially conferred the degree.

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Floridian Writes For Upper Room

The Reverend Mr. A. E. Purviance of Hialeah, Fla., is the editor of the meditation being used on Thursday, August 13, by an estimated eleven million people around the world who are readers of The Upper Room. The Upper Room, a devotional guide under the editorship of Dr. J. Manning Potts, has a world circulation of more than three million copies. It is published in 37 editions including 31 languages, English Braille and English Talking Book.

Mr. Purviance based his meditation on Psalm 121:1,2. RSV. "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." He says in part: "A soul is far more precious to God than the trees and the flowers. As we subject ourselves to His will, we become more like Christ, so that others may look into our lives and see Him abiding there." The meditation is concluded with a prayer and a thought for the day.

Because of the wide readership and popularity of The Upper Room, it is considered a high honor to have a meditation selected and published in the world's most widely used devotional guide.

Special Notice

Our correspondents will bear in mind that this is the season for receptions honoring newly arriving as well as returning Methodist preachers and their families. One reception is pretty much like another and yet we are "swamped" with accounts of these happy occasions. To publish them all would require an extra edition. Thus, you will understand why we are trying not to give space to any of them and will know that you are not being discriminated against.

—EDITOR

8 Florida Girls Honored at Wesleyan

Twenty-eight Florida girls were included among Wesleyan College students receiving sophomore and semester honors, as announced by the registrar's office.

Those receiving sophomore honors for maintaining a B average for their first two years at Wesleyan are: Suzanne Jones, Pensacola, and Sheila Leto, Panama City.

Named on the semesters honor list for maintaining a B average for the second semester of this last school year are: Ann Lee Almy, Lakeland; Sylvia Anderson, DeFuniak Springs; Helen Ruth Sealey, Jacksonville; Lee Brenahan, Orlando; Jane Briley, Oak-

land; Ellen Edge, Chipley; Shirley Fincannon, Jacksonville; Hazel Jenne, Lake Worth; Judy Johnson, Holly Hill; Kathleen Keck, Coral Gables; Nancy King, Bartow; Ann Leighton, St. Petersburg; Sheila Leto, Panama City; Beth Mason, Pensacola; Catherine Murphree, Gainesville; Carol Ann Page, Coral Gables; Mary Emily Fickens, Fort Myers; Emily Richardson, Jacksonville; Carolyn Sanders, Fort Myers; Judith Scholz, Miami Springs; Patricia Shriver, Palm Beach; Pat Summey, Fort Myers; Martha Taylor, Tallahassee; Mary Anne Walker, West Palm Beach; Nancy White, Lakeland, and Mary Margaret Woodward, Quincy.

BERTHA MAE BEERS NORTON

Mrs. Bertha Mae Beers Norton, widow of the late Rev. W. Clarence Norton, passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital, Tampa, on April 14. The daughter of the Rev. John Beers, she remained in Tampa after her father was assigned there in 1916. After several years in the business world she married the late Mr. Norton in 1932 and, after his retirement in 1942, they lived in the home for retired ministers at 1901 Jetton Ave., Tampa. Mr. Norton died on July 17, 1954.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Norton in the Trinity Church, Tampa, with the Rev. Eldon Simmons, pastor, and Dr. R. L. Allen, Tampa District Superintendent, officiating. Burial was in the Orange Hill Cemetery.

Secretary Gives Rules For Memorial Makers

What is a memorial?

It is a word in Methodist circles which takes a rest for the greater part of four years, then suddenly comes to life.

Actually, a memorial is a petition to the quadrennial General Conference for legislative action. It is the Methodist way of getting a bill into the hopper of this great law and policy-making body.

Any Methodist member, group of Methodists or an annual conference has the privilege of bringing any matter to the attention of the General Conference.

Properly prepared and submitted, these memorials, often totaling as many as several thousand, are carefully studied, then allocated each to the proper committee. Those bearing on the same subject are brought together, analyzed and, in due time, reported to the floor of the conference.

Dr. Leon T. Moore of Philadelphia, Secretary of the General Conference, provides here the rules governing submission of a memorial.

Rules Governing Memorials to General Conference

(1) ONE subject to a memorial. Send as many memorials as you have subjects.

(2) Each memorial must be on a separate sheet, or sheets, of paper.

(3) Each memorial is to be in triplicate. This is most important.

(4) No memorial will be considered from other than Methodist sources. All memorials must be signed.

(a) A memorial presented by an individual member of The Methodist Church should give his name and the name of the church where membership is held.

(b) A memorial by an organization of The Methodist Church should have the name of the organization, the name of the church, the official, or officials, who sign it, with the title of each.

(c) A memorial by a minister of The Methodist Church should give the name of the annual conference where his membership is held, his relationship to it, designating his appointment.

(d) A memorial by a local preacher of The Methodist Church should give his classification and where his church membership is held.

(5) The form of a memorial? To The General Conference of The Methodist Church, to be convened April 27, 1960, in Denver, Colorado:—

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

I (or we) respectfully memorialize the General Conference of The Methodist Church, now in session to (here follows your Memorial).

(6) Send your memorial or memorials, to Dr. Leon T. Moore, Secretary of The General Conference, Room 301, 1701 Arch Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania, as soon as you have it (or them) ready.

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By W. W. REID
TEN COMMANDMENTS
FOR VACATION

We are indebted to Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches, for these "Commandments" which we heartily endorse and commend to all readers of this column:

I. Thou shalt not dive off a strange dock without knowing how deep is the water at the end of it, lest thou break thy neck against a stone.

II. Thou shalt not broil thyself all afternoon in thy new bathing suit, lest thy shoulders become raw the next morning and thy coat be a burden upon them. Neither shalt thou lay thyself down in a bed of poison ivy.

III. Thou shalt not give thyself to pride and folly in the driving of thy new car, but when thou placest thy hand upon the steering wheel thou shalt offer a prayer that thou mayest be watchful of little children playing in the streets, and of the pick-up truck that cometh out of the cross roads. Also thou shalt stretch forth thine hand when thou makest a left turn, that thy days may be long in the land and the sound of the motorcycle be not heard behind thee.

IV. Thou shalt not drink bad water, nor break down the farmer's fences.

V. Thou shalt not leave smoldering fires in the forest, nor toss thy cigarette into the dry grass, lest thou bring destruction upon thyself and sin against the people of the land.

VI. Thou shalt not leave thy dishes to be washed by another, but rather shalt thou rejoice the heart of thy tent-mate by thy willingness to become a hewer of wood and a drawer of water when the weariness of thy journey is upon thee.

VII. Thou shalt obey the fish and game laws.

VIII. Thou shalt not join thyself to the carnal sins of roadside camps and beach resorts, but shalt keep thyself unspotted from the world, that thou suffer no shame of heart when thou sandest before the picture of thy father and thy mother on thy return home.

IX. Thou shalt not forget the payment of thy church pledge in thine absence from the household of faith, lest thy treasurer and trustees be filled with anxieties and weighted with the cares of life whilst thou art taking thine ease in a far country.

X. In all things thou shalt remember the Lord thy God, so that when thou pitchest thy tent at the end of the day thou shalt be able to bring forth thy Bible from thy camp kit, and looking toward

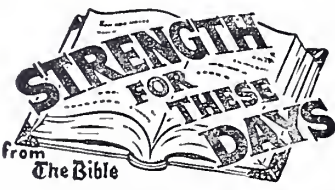
the setting sun with a prayer in thine heart, raise an even-song of praise to thy Maker. Moreover, thou shalt there remember in supplication before Him all thy fellowmen and their children, who swelter in the factories and tenements of congested cities whilst thou are kneeling at the cool and lovely altars of the approaching night.

Roy L. Smith On
Birth Control

REDLANDS, Calif., June 19—The Christian Church—at least the Protestant wing—cannot ignore the problem of birth control much longer, Dr. Roy L. Smith told 2,000 Methodist women today at the University of Redlands.

The white-haired 73-year-old churchman, former editor of the old *Christian Advocate*, said Christian women must give prayerful, sober attention to the problem soon.

"Is it any more immoral to prevent babies from being born, than



What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

—(Micah 6:8.)

For all the greatness of His love and mercy to us, God requires so little of us—and yet some of us find that little so difficult. We find it so hard, even while doing justly, to be merciful to those less fortunate, to be humble in our proud self-assurance.

it is to bring them into a world where we know they will starve?" he asked.

He quoted United Nations and independent studies as showing that the world's food situation today is worse than in 1938. For 75 per cent of the people of the world, there is 15 per cent less food per capita now than the year before World War II. And by January 1, 2000, the world will have at least 4 billion mouths to feed.

Other dangers from the world's exploding population, Dr. Smith pointed out, are more government regulation, increasing lawlessness, and a breakdown in morality.

"The closer people live to one

another, the more rules they must have. It takes far more Christian grace to live within 15 feet of another family, than it does to live within half a mile."

The church also needs to give immediate attention to the problem of law obedience, the speaker continued. Competent California authorities already are predicting that one out of every four 17-year-old boys in the state will have some scrape with the law in 1960.

This, in Dr. Smith's opinion, calls for a hard look at the church's Christian education program.

As for morals, he noted that the Christian sabbath has been almost abandoned, and churches with their fund raising suppers, Sunday outings share a big part of the blame.

"If I were not a Christian I think I would go insane, or at least I would lose all hope and restraint. Because I am a Christian I propose to hope. And as I hope I propose to dedicate my all to the proposition of making my hope come true," he said.

'Poor Little Rich Girl'
Gets Along With Others

When Alma first started to work for Goodwill she felt degraded. She came from a family of wealth and believed it was beneath her dignity to have to work in the first place, and to work alongside handicapped and elderly people was almost too much for her.

But Alma had something in common with her co-workers—she too was handicapped, a victim of cerebral palsy.

Like many handicapped persons Alma's life was a good one—as long as she had her parents around to take care of her. When her parents died, Alma was left to shift for herself.

She had never known what it was to hold down a job. She had no job training. Her married sister suggested that she apply at Goodwill and see if the hire-the-handicapped organization had anything for her. Goodwill did have a job for her, sorting clothing donated by the public.

Alma liked the work but she was a long time getting over her superior attitude. Gradually she began to realize that she is no different from her co-workers, that they all have one thing in common, a physical handicap that sets them apart from so-called normal folks. Alma has been a Goodwill worker for more than a year. She is happy in her work, she is popular with her fellow employees, and she no longer feels that she is degraded for having to work. Goodwill's work therapy has adjusted Alma's life and made it a happier one.

Romulo to Address Human Relations Conference

General Carlos P. Romula, head of the Philippine mission to the United Nations, will give the closing address at the Methodist Conference on Human Relations to be held August 31-September 4 in Dallas. An expected audience of 2,200 delegates will hear the former president of the General Assembly and winner of the 1946 Pulitzer Prize for Journalism. The Board of Education is one of the sponsoring agencies.

Junaluska Missionary Conference July 17-23

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The annual missionary conference for the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church will be held July 17-23 at Lake Junaluska, N. C. At the conference, Methodist leaders of nine southeastern states will study their church's worldwide mission work.

Addresses will be given by Dr. Evelyn Duvall, Chicago, a family life counselor and author; the Rev. Dr. Charles Parkin, director of Advance, Division of National Missions, Methodist Board of Missions, the Rev. Lester Griffith, Methodist missionary who was held captive by Algerian rebels for 40 days last year; the Rev. Dr. Melvin Blake, an executive of the Methodist Board of Missions; the Rev. Burr Baughman, district superintendent, Methodist Mission, Kapit, Sarawak, Borneo; the Rev. Harry Komuro, superintendent of the Hawaii Mission, Honolulu, Hawaii; and Bishop Arthur Moore, Atlanta, President of the Methodist Board of Missions. Sunday sermons will be preached by Methodist Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Pittsburgh, and Dr. Blake.

A feature of the program will be music by the Ambassadors Quartet, composed of young Methodist laymen from Southern Rhodesia, Africa. The group will sing hymns and folk music of their homeland. For parts of their presentation, they will use various African musical instruments, especially drums, and will wear the garb of witch-doctors and the animal-skin garments that some African villagers like to wear on festive and ceremonial occasions. The conference is sponsored by the Committee on Missions of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Council and the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Methodist Board of Missions.

The Rev. Dr. Walter C. Gum, pastor of Park Place Methodist Church, Norfolk, Va., is chairman of the jurisdictional committee on missions and will direct the

conference.

Among other leaders for the conference will be the Rev. J. C. Rowan, pastor, Kendall Methodist Church, Kendall, Fla.; the Rev. Dr. John R. Wilkins, New York City, director, Department of Missionary Education, Methodist Board of Missions, and the Rev. Melton Ware, pastor, First Methodist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

Besides hearing addresses, the delegates will participate in worship, workshops, and business sessions, and see motion pictures dealing with missions.

A youth and missions conference also will be held at Junaluska July 17-23.

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Eight Ministers Retire

Eight ministers, six of them members of the Florida Annual Conference and two of them Approved Supply Pastors, with records totaling nearly 250 service years, took their places on the Honor Roll of Retired Preachers at the last session of the Annual Conference.

The Rev. M. E. Myer joined the Florida Conference in 1921 but had been doing supply work even before that. He also has been the Conference Statistician for many years and is widely known in that capacity. His last appointment was at Cross City and he will continue to serve in his retirement having been assigned to the church at Lochloosa this year.

The Rev. Jesse E. Jones was serving the church at Tavares when he was stricken after a ministry that began in 1922. Since that time he has been making his home at Citra.

The Rev. W. O. Luttrell joined the Virginia Conference in 1925 and transferred to Florida in 1943. Since that time he has served Grace Church, St. Augustine; First Church, Daytona Beach; Lake City and Avon Park. Our present information is that Mr. Luttrell will be living at Lake Wales in his retirement.

The Rev. B. M. Montgomery became a member of the Florida Conference in 1926. Since his return from the chaplaincy in 1946 he has served churches at Mad-

ison, Bradenton, Lake City and Fernandina Beach. He suffered an illness last Fall that hastened his retirement.

The Rev. Royal Page joined the South Georgia Conference in 1929 and the Rev. James W. Gardner joined the Cuba Conference in the same year. Mr. Page transferred to Florida in 1931 and Mr. Gardner in 1946. Mr. Page has just completed a four-year pastorate at Central, Fort Myers, where he led in the building of a new church. Mr. Gardner became ill while serving the church at Perry and will continue to supply the work at Sardis in his retirement.

The Rev. A. F. Eggleston, who was assigned to Tavernier last year first licensed to preach in 1922 and has served as a supply pastor for 34 years. The Rev. F. A. Barnaby, who has been serving the church at Wimauma, was first licensed in 1945 and has served churches for 11 years. Both men are fully ordained.

Sells Speaks to Florida Laymen

"The decisions made in the life of The Methodist Church in the next 18 months will determine the destiny of Methodism for the next ten years," said the Rev. Dr. James W. Sells, Atlanta.

Dr. Sells, an executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of The Methodist Church, made the statement in an address prepared for delivery June 6 at the laymen's meeting of the Florida Methodist Annual

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Conference at First Methodist Church, Lakeland, Fla.

"The Methodist Church is such a complex organization," said Dr. Sells, "that it takes at least one quadrennium to get under way on any one program. There is such a 'line loss' in communication between General Conference and Pisgah and Shiloh that by the time the officials at Pisgah and Shiloh are ready to give whole-hearted and enthusiastic support to one program the General Conference has already launched two others."

Dr. Sells' address was entitled "Days of Dangerous Decisions." He said that by November, 1960, the following decisions affecting the life of The Methodist Church will have been made:

1. Delegates elected to General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

2. General, Jurisdictional, and Central Conferences held and policies, plans, and programs determined.

3. Bishops elected.

4. Members of general boards and agencies elected.

5. Boards and agencies organized for new quadrennium.

"In addition to the foregoing decisions," he said, "there will be the many millions of little decisions by the more than nine million members of The Methodist Church who will determine whether the policies, plans, and programs will be accepted or allowed to die on the vine."

In his address, Dr. Sells said Methodists of the Southeastern Jurisdiction gave \$125,000,000 in 1958. They should have given at least \$375,000,000, he said, considering their per capita income.

He suggested a plan for raising funds for church extension which would involve floating a bond issue.

"We are too intelligent a church," he said, "to continue to expect a new congregation of a few daring souls to bear the total expense of securing housing for their membership. No manager of a great industrial plant sends a salesman out to get together a few customers and tell them that they will have to erect a plant to manufacture what they are going to consume."

"This jurisdiction," he continued, "ought to organize a church extension corporation and float a \$100,000,000 bond issue which would lend money to churches. This money—in a revolving fund—would continue to serve the jurisdiction for years to come."

Call to Observe 175th Anniversary

Following is the Methodist Council of Bishops' official Call to The Methodist Church to observe the 175th anniversary of the organization of The Methodist Church in America. The Call was announced May 18 by Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tennessee, secretary of the council. Organization of the church took place during the Christmas season of 1784 at Lovely Lane Chapel, Baltimore, Maryland, and the bishops' statement calls for appropriate ceremonies the week beginning December 27, 1959.

Whereas, The Methodist Church in America was formerly organized at a conference of ministers meeting in Lovely Lane Chapel, Baltimore, Maryland, during the Christmas season of 1784 at which time Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke were chosen as our first bishops; plans were made for the founding of our first college; the work of our Methodist Book Concern was begun; and the foundations of our ecclesiastical structure were carefully and prayerfully laid;

And, whereas across the intervening years Methodism in the United States has been blessed with a vast company of devoted preachers and laymen, some of them persons of great prominence, and many more of them persons living their lives and doing their work in quiet and sometimes out-of-the-way places who have written many chapters of splendid Kingdom achievement under the blessing of Almighty God;

And whereas, December, 1959, will represent the completion of the first one hundred seventy-five years of organized Methodist work in this country.

Be it therefore resolved, that we, the Council of Bishops, hereby call upon our local churches to observe with appropriate ceremonies the week beginning December 27 as the anniversary of the organization of The Methodist Church in the United States.

We call to the attention of our people the special anniversary number of *Together* scheduled for November, 1959, and urge for it the widest possible distribution.

We further recommend that arrangements be made for an appropriate celebration of a nationwide character in Baltimore, Maryland, during the Christmas season of 1959.

Publishing House Plans Extension

The Methodist Publishing House has announced plans for a major expansion program to meet the needs of the growing church. Plans call for expanding and reorganizing the distribution system of the publishing house, according to Lovick Pierce of Nashville, president and publisher. Six regional distribution centers are being established to serve the U.S. They will be located in the areas of Nashville, Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Richmond, and Dallas. "The availability in each section of the country of larger inventories than our present branches have been able to carry because of space limitations should improve our mail-order service," Mr. Pierce said. Related to the regional centers will be retail units, or local houses. The publishing house currently operates such units in 15 cities, and plans call for the eventual establishment of other local houses.

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ing in February. The Florida Conference was the only one in the Southeastern Jurisdiction then and only one of three in the Division. She is expecting this will happen again this report period. This is an outstanding fact, especially for the Annual report, for all officer list must be sent in too.

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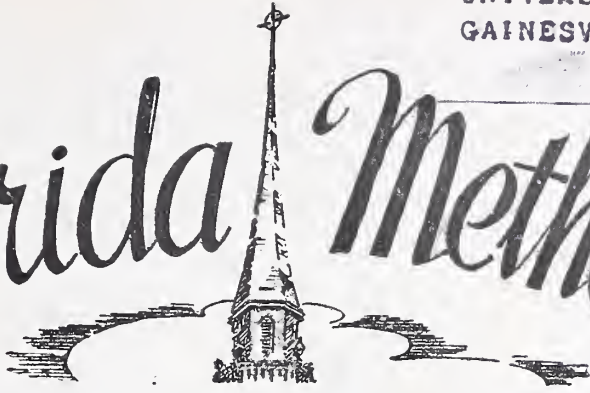
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Pictured here is the new sanctuary of Miami's Grace Methodist Church, Dade County's oldest church in continuous operation. In fact Grace Church is assumed to be the first church of any denomination established on the mainland south of Fort Pierce—an assumption approved by the Marker Committee of the Historical

Association of South Florida. See the complete story on page 9.

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On A Wide Circuit . . .

By W. W. REID

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN RELIGION?

What really is the religion of America? . . . I am not thinking of what we say we inherited "from the fathers," "the foundation upon which the nation rests"; nor what we profess when we speak of "our nation under God"; nor of the Ten Commandments, which is about all our major (major in numbers) faiths seem to agree upon. No, I am not asking about what is written in our creeds, and in our catechisms, and in our books of prayer, discipline, and exhortation: I am asking rather, **what makes us do as we do**—and why is our **doing** so often in utter contradiction of what we **say**—and perhaps believe in our minds but not in our wills?

For some of us, the Shorter Catechism (how many know the Longer?), or the Sermon on the Mount, or our own interpretation of the Commandments, or a few familiar words—"love," "compassion," "brotherhood," "forgiveness," "stewardship," "the Cross," "redemption," and some others—are what we say we believe, or even live by. Yet, how deep is our knowledge of their meaning, how wide the application we make of them in the "practical" everyday decisions and purposes of our lives?

"Thou shalt not covet . . . anything that is thy neighbor's," says one Commandment. Yet who would say that much of our advertising and sales techniques, indeed much of merchandising, are not rooted in **covetousness**—in much more polite terminology? "Thou shalt not kill" is in the same decalogue; but in actual practice we add, "except your enemies in time of war."

And then, though we are (we say) a nation **under God**, we do not permit God's name to be used in our schools, nor his Commandments placed there before our children. So far as the nation's schools are concerned, the faith "that made the fathers strong and great" is taboo for their descendants. And then we wonder why there is a wave of delinquency, and crime, and family break-up, and highway murder, and disregard for all authority, and courts and jails filled.

We give praise to the Just Steward and to the Good Samaritan. But isn't it sensible Americanism (we say) "to look out for Number One first"—"if we don't, who else will?"—and aren't there institutions of various kinds (our taxes help pay for them) that will care for the man writhing by the wayside? It takes time and money, and we haven't much of either, to be a good neighbor.

"I believe in God, the Father almighty" . . . and He's been a great help to me and mine. It adds to my self-respect (and the respect of my neighbors for me) when I go to church. If I get sick, I know God will take care of me; and if I have troubles,

I can cast them all upon Him, and I'll have peace of mind—and get comfort of body, too.

"God is always on the side of right"—and it is certainly good to know that we live in a land and under a flag that are always on the right side of things—war, diplomacy, international relations . . .

No one ever says it as boldly and crudely as this; yet, as a nation and as individuals, don't we act as if these were some of the affirmations of our Creed: I believe that God watches over America and blesses all that she does. I believe that God attains his purposes by giving some people power to wage and win wars. I believe that God is a capitalist, and he approves the principle of making profits. I believe that by praying when conditions are desperate (hunger, poverty, sickness, worry), I can draw God out of heaven and he will do what I want him to do. I believe that the forests, the mines, the fields, and all other wealth, natural or created, have been given to Americans to use—and that God has withheld them from other less-favored peoples. I thank God that I am an American—and that He is one, too.

It might be a worthwhile exercise to set down in writing just what **you** believe and live by. Go over the Commandments, the Creed, the Beatitudes. Ponder each and search your spirit: Do I practice making peace, being humble, thirsting after righteousness? Does my nation so do? Each of us may well be surprised by our vagueness, our compromising, our self-deception.

For Dr. Kagawa Prayers Asked

A news item from the National Christian Council of Japan to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, gives this news of the serious illness of Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, Japan's outstanding Christian leader:

"Toyohiko Kagawa is still convalescing from a sudden illness which occurred when he was en route to an evangelistic tour in Shikoku. However, on May 23 he was moved from Luke Hospital in Takamatsu to the Kumiai Hospital in Wakamo, Tokyo. A hospital fund which was collected for Dr. Kagawa amounted to nearly \$1,100. But when it was presented to him, he gave all except about \$15 to the medical fund for ministers. The national health insurance system, not yet adopted by all districts, means great hardships for ministers from those places if they become ill. Dr. Kagawa suggested that this amount might be the beginning of a system for all Protestant ministers in Japan. On June 12, at an executive committee meeting of the N.C.C., Dr. Kozaki reported on Dr. Kagawa's present condition. It is now felt that Dr. Kagawa is now beyond all medical aid and that only through the concerted prayers of Christians can he recover health. Therefore, the prayers of all Christians on behalf of Dr. Kagawa before God are requested."

Important to All Treasurers

Church treasurers, Church School treasurers and Methodist Youth Fund treasurers should cease to send money to Miss Coral Fields in Miami. The present treasurer is Rev. C. H. Voss, Box 361, Lakeland, Florida. Please make the checks payable to "Rev. C. H. Voss, Treasurer."

Advance funds, whether Foreign, National, MCOR, or "Conference," should also be sent to "Rev. C. H. Voss, Treas., Box 361, Lakeland, Fla." Please use the large yellow Advance remittance forms in sending money for the Advance, or for "Educational Specials."

New Scholarship Fund Receives First Check



The Rev. Fred Rumsey (left), president of the 1959 senior class in the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and now pastor at Forest Hills, Tampa, presents the first check for a scholarship fund endowed by the class to Dr. William R. Cannan (right), dean, while Mrs. Helen Stowers, executive secretary in the School, for whom the scholarship is named, looks on. The fund is the first project of its kind ever undertaken by

a class in the Candler School of Theology, and will be supported by the annual pledges from over 100 members of the 1959 graduating class. The plan calls for an annual award of \$300 for the first 20 years, with all income exceeding that amount to be placed in an accumulating endowment fund. It is anticipated that, at the end of 20 years, sufficient capital and interest will have accrued to provide an annual cash scholarship of \$600 out of income from invested funds.

Dean Battle Leaves Florida Southern College

Dr. Jean A. Battle, dean of Florida Southern College, will give the address at the 75th summer commencement on Friday, August 7, at the College Heights Methodist Church.

He will then present a class of 78 seniors to President Charles T. Thrift, one of the dean's last official acts at Florida Southern, for awarding of academic degrees.

Dr. Battle will leave FSC at the end of August to take up his new duties as dean of the College of Education at the University of South Florida in Tampa. He has been associated with Florida Southern since 1938, both in a teaching and administrative capacity.

COSTA RICAN WORK TOLD

Missionary work in Costa Rica was described and pictures shown by the Rev. Richard Richey at a recent Sunday evening service at Wesley Memorial Church, Lakeland. Mrs. Richey also was guest speaker at a W.S.C.S. circle meeting. Members of Wesley were particularly interested in hearing the Richeys as his mother is a member of the church.

Laymen Visit Philippines

Messrs. D. C. Dawkins of First Church, Jacksonville, and Tom H. Slade of Starke have recently returned from a month's trip to the Orient where they went at the invitation of the Rev. C. L. (Spotty) Spottswood.

These laymen visited the Spottswoods in Kidapawan where they visited churches and schools all over the island of Mindanao. They report that Mr. Spottswood now has 43 churches organized and most of them have active M.Y.F.'s, and Woman's Societies.

The travelers from Florida also visited in Hawaii, Japan, Korea and in Hong Kong. Along with missionaries they visited Methodist schools, training centers, seminaries and other points of interest. They took many pictures and will be showing them in Florida churches very shortly.

Mrs. Dawkins accompanied her husband to Hawaii where she remained with relatives while the men completed the tour. Mr. Slade also visited the Methodist work in Anchorage, Alaska, before he returned.

Both of these splendid laymen have returned with glowing reports of our missionary work and this writer is of the opinion that either or both of them might be persuaded to share their enthusiasm and experiences with interested congregations or other groups.

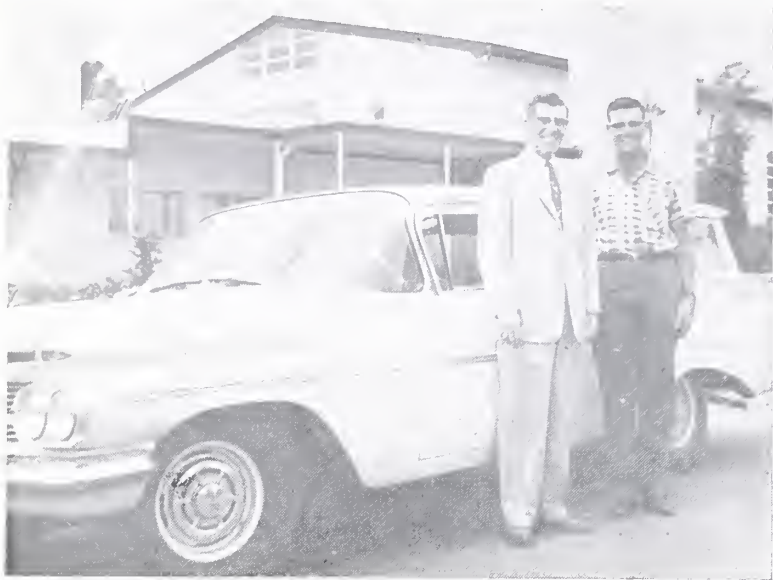
COMMISSIONED FOR ANOTHER TERM



Mr. and Mrs. John Hughlett, of Cocoa, Florida, are commissioned Methodist missionaries by Bishop Cyrus B. Dawsey of Columbia, S. C., a retired bishop of the Methodist Church of Brazil. Mr. and

Mrs. Hughlett will serve in the Belgian Congo. She is the former Miss Mary Jane Curry of Lind, Washington. The Hughletts are currently speaking in Florida churches before returning to their work in the Congo.

MISSIONARIES RECEIVE STATION WAGON



The Rev. Walter Kalaf, left, pastor of St. Luke's, St. Petersburg, is shown here presenting a '59 Chevrolet station wagon to the Rev. J. Lloyd Knox who left in June with his family to take up their work as missionaries to Cuba. The station wagon was given to the Knox's by the church to help them carry on medical, evangelistic and educational work in Cuba. Mrs. Knox (Edith) is a registered

nurse and the station wagon also will be used as an ambulance. Bishop Short has assigned the Knoxes to the work at Santiago de las Vegas near Habana where they will replace Carl and Bette Shafer, now on furlough. The work includes Colegio Wesley, an elementary and high school of 325 students, and three churches. The Knoxes may be addressed at Apartado 57, Santiago de las Vegas, Habana, Cuba.

patronizing visitor from the United States. When such a visitor has knocked down the pillars of goodwill and understanding so laboriously erected by years of constructive missionary work and diplomatic understanding, tragic results can readily ensue. Particularly when so much of what comes out of Hollywood accentuates the ease and plenty, the moral failures, and the "we are better than you" philosophy. And we should take due note of the opportunities which are ours who do not travel outside these national boundaries. With all the exchange student programs that are actively carried on, with increasing incidence of foreign visitors who come to even the most obscure cross-roads at times as well as a campus community, we all have ample chance to be ambassadors of goodwill who will add to the reservoir of understanding which alone can promise peace in our time.

Daytona Church Sends Shop Tools To Home

When The Rev. Guy Athearn went to the Florida Methodist Children's Home for the week of swimming instruction recently he carried with him a box of small tools destined to become a part of the equipment of the yet to be built craft shop on the grounds of the Home. These tools were purchased by the children of the Livingston Memorial Methodist Church as a part of their service project of their Vacation Church School.



Mr. Athearn, right, is shown here presenting the tools to Mr. F. S. Glenister, Assistant Superintendent of the Home.

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YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By HOOVER RUPERT

AMBASSADORS

If you have been abroad this summer, you received a letter from the President of the United States before you left. That is, if you used a passport to emerge from and re-enter this land! A friend of mine shared with me the letter he received with his passport and I think it has something to say to all Americans as well as to those who travel abroad. This is what the President writes to every passport holder: "You have been issued a valued credential—the Passport of the United States. It requests that, in the countries you intend to visit, there be provided you, as an American citizen, safe passage, lawful aid and protection in case of need. As the holder of this passport, you will be the guest of our neighbors and friends in the world family of nations. "Year after year, increasing numbers of our citizens travel to foreign countries. In most of these

lands there exist a reservoir of good will for the United States and a knowledge of what we stand for. In some areas, our country and its aspirations are less well understood. To all the varied peoples of these many countries, you, the bearer of an American passport, represent the United States of America. "As you travel abroad, the respect you show for foreign laws and customs, your courteous regard for other ways of life, and your speech and manner help to mold the reputation of our country. Thus, you represent us all in bringing assurance to the people you meet that the United States is a friendly nation and one dedicated to the search for world peace and to the promotion of the well-being and security of the community of nations." Thank you, Mr. President, for saying so well what our missionaries and statesmen have been saying for so long concerning the importance of each individual citizen who in going abroad becomes an unofficial but very real ambassador for our nation. Any who have been in other countries know how difficult it is to erase the indelible picture left in the minds of citizens there by an arrogant,

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Christ Church Pays Debt

At an Official Board meeting held July 8 at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, a gift of \$6,000 was received which paid off the remaining debt on the last church project, a four-story church, church school, and office building. Included in the project was the air conditioning of the old church school building.

Total cost was approximately \$250,000 according to Dr. Paul R. Hortin, pastor.

The building will be dedicated January 3, 1960 by Bishop Arthur J. Moore.

Architects are now completing plans for the next unit of the church's new building group which will consist of a new chapel seating about 200 persons and five church school classrooms. The building will have an ornate facade and will face 1st Ave. N. with an entrance into the church patio. Ground will be broken for the construction of the new building in the fall. The chapel and classrooms will be a gift from the estate of the late Mrs. Sarah Forbes of Detroit.

Dr. Hortin said, "It has only been through the sacrifices made by the members and visitors to our church that this debt has been paid off. We are very grateful for this final gift for with this final gift with the abolition of our indebtedness we have reached a great apex in the work of our church."

Floridian Receives Theological Scholarship

LeRoy T. Howe of Coral Gables, a graduate of the University of Miami, is one of thirteen Methodist students to receive Rockefeller Brothers Theological Fellowships for the 1959-60 school year.

The fellowships are awarded to students of various denominations who are considering serving the church in the ordained parish ministry. Expenses are paid for a "trial year" at a seminary during which the student seeks to determine whether the ministry should be his or her lifetime vocation.

Mr. Howe will attend the Yale Divinity School.

Children Learn to Swim

June 22-26 was "Learn to Swim Week" at the Florida Methodist Children's Home at Enterprise. A total of thirty children participated in the week of water activities which included instruction in swimming, diving, basic life saving, and Junior First Aid. The ages of the children taking part in the

program ranged from several three year olds in the nursery group to fifteen years in the advanced swimming classes.

The swimming part of the program was under the sponsorship of the Daytona Beach Young Men's Christian Association and the First Aid by the American Red



Intermediate and Advanced Swimming Classes

Cross. The week of instruction was directed by The Rev. Guy S. Athearn, pastor of Livingston Memorial Methodist Church in Daytona Beach.

Receiving certificates in Junior First Aid were: Linda Adams, Julie Adams, William Burke, Lynn McGariety, Larry Sloan, Kathy Varge, Betty Walker, and Joe Williams.

The swimming award program of the YMCA was used with these swimmers who could perform 21 basic skills being awarded the Minnow Club Card and badge to sew on their bathing suit, and for successively higher skills swimmers were awarded the Fish, Flying Fish, and for the most skillful the Shark Club cards and badges. In addition to these, there was adopted a Tadpole Club for the use of the children of nursery age in the Home. In this way they could be given an award for the things that they learned in the pool and would not feel left out.

The children of the Home who received awards for their work during the week were: Tadpole Club, Chase Palmas and Johnnie Woodruff; Minnow Club, Linda Crotchet; Fish Club, Laven Grover; Flying Fish Club, Frank Ponder, Judy Adams, Kathy Varge, Lynn McGariety, Joe Williams; Shark Club, Paul Nicholson, Bill Ponder, Judy Murphey, William Burke, Larry Sloan, Linda Adams, Louise Walker, Betty Walker, Pat-sy Brooks.

Honor Grad At Florida Southern College

A 23-year old Yugoslavian will be the top honor student in the

summer graduating class at Florida Southern College.

He is Paul Mojzes, of Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, who will receive his bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude at commencement exercises at the College Heights Methodist Church on Friday, August 7th.

His father, Anton, was a minister who was killed during World War II. His mother, Paula, is Executive Secretary of the Methodist Church in Yugoslavia.

The honor student majored in religion at Florida Southern, and he will attend the Boston University School of Theology in September. He was recommended for a local minister's license in the Methodist Church in April.

Before coming to the United States to study at FSC in 1957, Mojzes attended the University of Faculty of Law at Belgrade.

He was married in June to the former Elizabeth Jelinek, of Belgrade. His bride is a freshman at Florida Southern.

Preachers' Vacations

As noted with reference to receptions honoring new and returning ministers and their families, it is also true that almost all preachers take vacations.

Here again, despite the fact that one vacation is much like another, THE FLORIDA METHODIST receives many good vacation stories.

Therefore, except in the case of some truly unusual vacation plan or experience, we will try not to take account of any of them and our contributors will understand that they are not being discriminated against.—Editor's Note

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The program year of 1958-59 for The Woman's Societies and The Wesleyan Service Guilds with its Theme: "CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING"! draws to a close with the August program, with the topic — "Faith With Works—The Local Church", prepared by Mrs. Alan K. Laing of Champaign, Ill., and we think it so good it should be emphasized and kept in our files for further study. So many of our women are vacationing during the summer season and many of these good programs do not reach them. We would like to give some of the outstanding quotes. It is hoped the Program Committee will not overlook this fine piece of material as we bring to a close this quadrennium with its Theme and special emphasis on "The Local Church".

A quote from the Program booklet asks "What is the local church?"—When we say the local Church, the idea that comes first to mind is likely to be one's own church. If each Methodist could tell about his local church, we should have a most exciting panorama! A small church somewhere on U. S. Route 6; an adobe church in New Mexico; a great church in New York City; a thatched-roof church in Africa; a stucco church in India; or a group of persons who have no church building. A "local church" is not necessarily a place in itself and is certainly more than a building.

Look for a moment at Acts 2:33-47 (R.S.V.). Here is a description of a local church in the deepest meaning of the term; a group of persons who had repented of their sins and had been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, and who had received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Here is concern for one's own family and for those "Far off". Here is evangelism and a missionary vision. These persons devoted themselves to the apostles teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer—here is education and fellowship.

These Christians shared what they had where there was need—here is Christian Social Relations. The group went to the Temple, ate together in their homes and praised God—here is worship. The heart of this early group of Christians was very much like the

heart of the local church that you and I know—no matter where it may be in 1958-59. This is because in Christian fellowship, then and now, there is the heartbeat of Jesus Christ.

Have you looked at *YOUR* local church from within and without and does your church have a World view? (for your meditation) No local church, Woman's Society or Wesleyan Service Guild has fulfilled its responsibilities to God until it recognizes its partnership with every other local church in the world in the demonstration of the love and power of God in human life, through faith in Jesus Christ and through the work of its members.

A LOOK AHEAD FOR SEPTEMBER—Help with the observation of Christian Education Week; begin the Christian Social Relations study — "The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs".

Plan to attend Fall Seminars in your District, *watch for dates!*

The Office of Visual Education—150 Fifth Avenue, New York, has called our attention to new films which are available for use in the new studies for this year. "This Sustaining Bread", for adults, to be used with the study "Town and Country"; "Digging Deep" for Youth, these two film may be secured as a combination package, \$16.00 complete.

"Medical Missions" for Youth and Adult to be used along with the Church-wide study—this film will be released in the Fall.

They also remind us of a page in the May 1959 "WORLD OUTLOOK" which gives Audio-Visual resources for the African Study. In the Methodist Woman for June 1959 under the Section of "Education and Cultivation" you will find Screen News for 1959-60. Film and Visual Aids may be secured from The Methodist Publishing House or the Office of Visual Education, New York City. We heartily recommend *VISUAL AIDS* as one of the best *MEDIA* for good Public Relations.

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS—**ST. PETERSBURG**—Mrs. Thos. C. Kern tells us they are very proud of their District President Mrs.

Grady Swope, when recently the honor of being elected to the Florida Conference Board of Missions, came to her. Mrs. W. E. Turner, District Secretary of Christian Social Relations represented the District at the 19th Annual Meeting of the Florida Conference Woman's Society of the Atlantic Coast Area, Central Jurisdiction. She was guest speaker when they met in St. Petersburg. Her subject was "Christian Fellowship". She used the wagon wheel as a symbol. The center of the hub represented our home and community concerns. The spokes are the social and economic sanctions of our experiences or codes of behavior. The rim might be our World with all communities and all ways of doing things bound together. Three Societies were noted for outstanding work in the field of Christian Social Relations during the third report period. **LARGO** promoted alcohol education, not only thru the Methodist Church but with the other churches of the community. They helped in the raising of funds for a nursery for the Negro children and special emphasis was placed on housing problems in this small community. **SEMINOLE** has done many fine things also, among them contribution to the work for colored people at Baskin's Corner, a negro community nearby. They invited a woman from that community to attend their meetings to learn of their work so she can organize the negro women in her community. **TRINITY** promoted work dealing with legislation, the racial practices and The United Nations. A report on Alcohol Education has been given at each meeting. At the last Executive Committee meeting of the district, dates were set for Fall Seminars. In the upper part of the District one will be held at Spring Lake, Sept. 24th, at 10 A.M., the other one to be announced later will be Sept. 25th. Mrs. T. M. Rickards, Jr., will represent the Conference Study and Action Committee at both of these meetings.

ORLANDO—Mrs. Carl Reese tells us they have 26 local chairman of Public Relations. This is splendid for they started with seven and are going forward in a fine way with

the good news. Ormond Beach Community Church had 74 members attending the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville. They gave 7 Adult Life Memberships, 9 honorary Youth Memberships and one Honorary Baby Membership. This all showed good extra giving. The Orlando District Wesleyan Service Guild has four new units, as reported they are Eustis, Ormond Beach, New Smyrna and Tavares. The District Secretary of Promotion, *Mrs. Norton B. Crane* reports there are 5,713 members, with 939 new members. There was 100% reporting for this report period. Mrs. Reese puts out a very fine NEWSLETTER for the District which goes to all the Societies and keeps them informed as to the happenings of the District.

LAKELAND—*Mrs. S. Lloyd Frisbie* sends word their District has conferred a Scholarship on 19 year old Rosa Lee Hendricks for Paine College, Augusta, Ga. *Mrs. C. F. Redlinger*, of Lakeland and District Secretary of Student Work made the announcement and stated Rosa Lee was born in Union Springs, Ala. She is one of a family of six children, whose father died when she was quite young.

She was graduated from High School in Haines City and is highly recommended by her pastor, the High School principal, and the class sponsor.

TAMPA—*Mrs. Bruce Moeller* tells us the officers of the District co-operated enthusiastically with the president, *Mrs. Raymond S. White*, and the secretary of Promotion, *Mrs. H. S. Prince*, in presenting three Officer Training Sessions for the Local Society Officers during the month of May. These sessions were attended by a total of 465 women. Two of these sessions were held in Tampa: one, May 8th at Hyde Park and one at Seminole Heights May 15th. A third was at Plant City, May 18th, at the First Methodist Church. An effort was made to meet the various needs of the Local Societies in regard to time, area to be reached, and nursery facilities. Two of the sessions, phases of the work that needed special emphasis were presented to the entire group through discussions lead by Societies to whom the subject had been assigned.

A SPECIAL DAY was inaugurated at the TAMPA HEIGHTS Church recently by the minister, Rev. Eugene Rutland, Jr., when he set one Sunday apart as LAY-WOMAN'S DAY, and invited *Mrs. C. D. Williams* of Starke, Florida to be the speaker. She chose for her message "Our Mission and Witness". Knowing Mrs. Williams,

as we do, she is well qualified to speak on this subject, and is a living witness of the Mission of The Church. This was a grand idea of Rev. Rutland, Jr., and we trust some of the other brethren will take note and perhaps in due time we will have a "Lay-Woman's Day" similar to "Layman's Day".

Mrs. Williams surprised Mr. Rutland when she "pinned him" to the Tampa Heights Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild, with a Special Membership pin, a gift from the Society and the Guild of his church.

JACKSONVILLE—The following story sent by *Mrs. Wayne Thompson* tells us of the lovely reception given June 22nd in the SNYDER MEMORIAL Church honoring the Rev. Robert J. Gisler and Mrs. Gisler who were returned to them for the ninth year. On this date Mr. Gisler celebrated the 25th anniversary of his license to preach. Dr. McLeod, newly appointed Jacksonville District Superintendent and Mrs. McLeod were guests of honor. Members of The Woman's Society under the direction of Mrs. J. Fred Rivers and Mrs. Wm. A. Roll provided a delightful musical program. Chairman of the Official Board, Mr. Wm. A. Rodeheaver and the chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Fred B. Noble, welcomed the guest and spoke glowingly of the work of this downtown church. Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. R. Hudson Oliff was a gay master of ceremonies for the whole affair. The program was delightful and entertaining. Lovely members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship served delicious refreshments. The surprise of the

white frosting. The picture of the cake is shown with Mr. and Mrs. Gisler ready to cut it.

Jacksonville Methodist women and The Southside Woman's Society in particular, are justly proud of an honor which came to one of their members, when *Mrs. Richard J. Buerth* was elected second vice president of the National Council of Woman's Auxiliaries to The Goodwill Industries, Inc., meeting



in Detroit, Mich., at their Annual Assembly, June 27th. Mrs. Buerth has held the office of National Treasurer for two years having been elected to that office at the meeting in Denver, Colo., in 1957. She is a past president of the local auxiliary and a member of the local Board of Directors of Jacksonville Goodwill Industries. In the capacity of second vice president, she will serve as Program chairman for all Goodwill Industries Auxiliaries. Mrs. Buerth is a past president of the Southside Woman's Society and is at present the District Secretary of Student Work. She will be pleasantly remembered by those who attended the Annual meeting of the Florida Conference Woman's Society in Jacksonville, as the chairman of Transportation.

THE NORTHSIDE WOMAN'S SOCIETY had a very interesting luncheon meeting in June with their President, *Mrs. J. W. King* as hostess, assisted by Mrs. H. F. Clanton, Mrs. L. H. Lumpkin and Mrs. M. T. Zorn. The program was presented by Mrs. R. N. Fulmer, Jr., Mrs. J. H. Baines, and Mrs. Clanton. The Minister The Rev. O. H. Hudgins was the speaker, using for his topic "Have Goal—Will travel". With these goals one could travel far, looking to Jesus.



evening for the Gislers was the presentation of a giant "twenty-fifth" anniversary cake with pink and blue icing flowers on snow

With Bishop John Branscomb in South America

(Concluded From the Last Issue)

From El Vergel the missionary journey moved on to its conclusion, back up through Concepcion, Chile, where Raymond Valunzuela took us to see Chilean coal and steel industries, and Methodist work among students of the University at Concepcion—then back to Santiago, and on to Lima, Peru.

In Lima, our guide was the Rev. Elton Watlington, treasurer of the mission in Peru, and our hostess was Miss Jane Hahne, director of Lima High School, known as Colegio Alvarado. Three days in the colorful city of Lima, gave us a sense of another way of life in this desert culture, with great bare Andes ranges in the background. The Inca was everywhere, in the background, as we visited the most impressive museum, and saw the ruins of Indian civilization. The faces of the people told us that the Inca had once dominated this area of South America, for we discovered that pastors and congregations were largely of Indian descent.

Lima High School is a model, bilingual school for girls, under the direction of a group of missionaries from the Woman's Division. We were likewise interested in becoming acquainted with the social settlement in its adequate modern building. Churches such as Victoria and Central Church, with the Student Hostel nearby, received us on the Sunday spent there. Likewise in the adjoining city of Callao, we discovered a most active Church, and still another great school, Colegio America, directed by Carlos Carrasco.

After only three days in this stately city, we flew over the Andes again, to Bolivia, the land of decision. Our destination was the Annual Conference at Cochabamba. We went beyond to spend a night at Montero, near Santa Cruz, in the jungle, almost at sea level, in contrast to the heights of La Paz and Cochabamba. In the Santa Cruz area one discovered the pioneering spirit of a new Bolivia where the hope to use the rich jungle land was bolstered with the news of great investments by industries, and by the development of Bolivia's only paved road, with United States Point-four aid. Bob Caulfield and his wife, both from Alabama, were adding to that spirit with the construction of new buildings of a school which would serve the secondary educational needs of the area.

At the Annual Conference, wonderful testimony was given to the "Lands of Decision" program as we witnessed the gathering of the workers. Many of them are new missionaries sent in on what is a

By VICTOR L. RANKIN

"crash" program to accept the invitation of the open door of a government that knows the value of Methodist work in that land. What a great testimony to the faith of the Church in its mission program to see these many new couples and their little children, joining with Bishop Barbieri, the two great Methodist schools, and the Bolivian pastors, in seeking to lay new foundations, and advance to new goals in one of the neediest, while potentially one of the greatest, lands in the world.

In Bolivia, Bishop Branscomb and I experienced what everyone said would happen. We became short of breath. Even though we walked slowly, in the height, we knew that the altitude put a limit on our strength. However, Bishop Branscomb was not stopped from visiting the Indian work of the *alto plano*, nor from frankly enjoying the whole-hearted hospitality of Dr. Bill Jack Marshall, head of our only Methodist hospital in Latin America, in La Paz. The Indian markets, a visit with Miss Rusby, veteran missionary of the Woman's Division, at Methodist Institute, where the present president of Bolivia once studied — these indeed vital experiences for a Bishop who loved missions.

A short day back in Lima came to a close when Bishop Subanes and Pastor Balmonde joined with our missionary friends to send us off to the United States. We dropped down to Panama for a few minutes, and then, on the morning of December third, we found Dr. P. M. Boyd, Superintendent of the Miami District, waiting for us at the Miami International Airport, as Bishop Branscomb had predicted.

When I said goodbye, that day, I did not know that within only a month Bishop Branscomb would embark on a new and greater journey into the Father's Kingdom, to greet the workers of Christ's Church of all the ages. But he did.

Those who know him realize that this great trip to South America did not bring the final tiredness to his body. Rather, they knew that he had lived so intensely during his fifty-three years that he had given his strength to his beloved Church, and his friends that were everywhere in this world. This last missionary journey was a part of that giving, but it was not the cause. He believed in spending himself to the utmost for his Church, and he did just that.

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John the Baptist raced through the wilderness, foretelling the coming of the Lord.

And so in a sense did Lemon City Methodist Church by Biscayne Bay—63 years ago, before there was a Miami. It blazed a trail through jungle and prairie for the coming of more than 700 steeped disciples of the Lord.

Grace (former Lemon City)

By JOSEPH FAUS

church, that started strong, gained its "second wind" in recent years, and is marching on with new spiritual vigor and in very modern dress.

Grace Methodist opened the third sanctuary of its long and

But more than 650 persons attended the service, thanks to portable chairs and deft ushering by a staff directed by consecrated Henry I. Baker.

The Miami newspapers gave generous space to the event, and a television station featured it on a news program.

The new sanctuary is constructed with brick, trimmed in Indiana limestone. Its air-conditioned interior is lighted by hanging, wrought-iron lanterns. The lighting and public address systems are controlled from the dual position of pulpit and glass-enclosed booth in balcony in rear. The chancel is semi-divided. Windows of leaded glass give a beautiful effect to the interior. Most of the furnishings were donated by members as memorials.

The new nave adjoins a modern, air-conditioned educational building of 24 classrooms. The church plant, with its off-street parking space, occupies a city block and is valued at \$365,000.

Grace (Lemon City) Methodist Church was organized in early 1893 by 40 or so citizens, who for several years had held worship services in L. W. Pierce's sponge warehouse on Biscayne Bay. Dade County then included the present Broward and Palm Beach counties; its population was 1,147, one-fourth of which resided in Lemon City. This frontier settlement was founded in 1869 as town of Motto; in 1882 the name was changed to Lemon City. The bayside shipping and trading center was the "cradle of civilization" for southern Dade.

Townfolk and homesteaders, poor and struggling, offered labor



Newly Constructed Home of Grace Church, Miami

Methodist Church in Miami is the "Mother of Religion" in the fastest-growing church area (membership and givings, new sanctuaries and related buildings) in North America, if not the world!

The South Florida Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church, with Dade County (Miami) as front-runner, is the fastest-growing diocese of its faith in the world, and has so been for the past ten years. This is true of the progress of Judaism (Orthodox, Conservative, Reformed, Liberal) in southeast Florida.

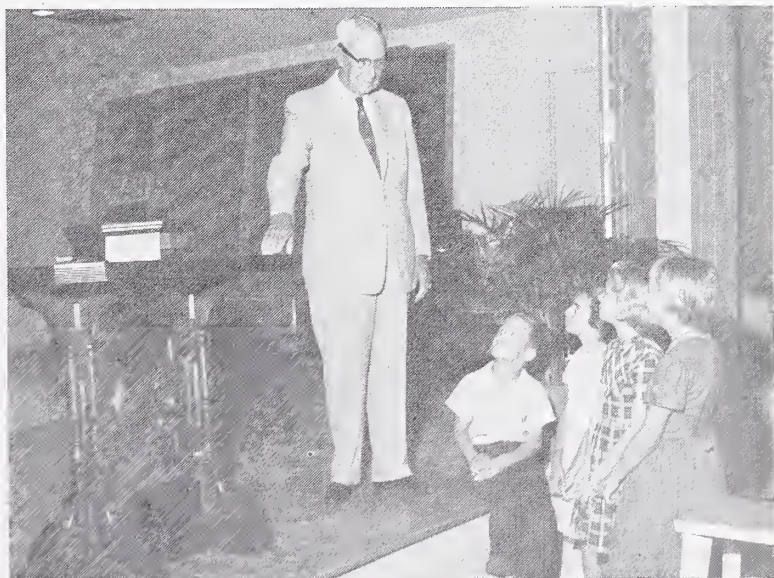
Since 1950 only the areas of Houston, Texas, and Los Angeles, California, have surpassed (1955, 1957) the growth of most major Protestant denominations in Greater Miami.

The Florida Methodist Conference tops all other conferences in main items of progress in the Southeastern Jurisdiction; and Miami District usually leads other districts in Florida.

Obviously, Grace Methodist Church occupies a unique and none too comfortable a position! The oldster, the leader, is expected to set the pace.

Grace has not always done this (accounts are unbalanced if debits are excluded); but this pioneer

fascinating history on Sunday, May 31. The new sanctuary at 6501 North Miami Avenue, erected and furnished at a cost of \$168,000, can accommodate 513 persons in its modern oak pews.



Mr. Hugh S. Peters, Sr., only living person who has worshipped in all three of Grace Church's sanctuaries, stands beside the "Pulpit that sailed the seven seas" and regales four little members with stories of its history.

and some materials for a proposed meeting-house. Henry M. Flagler, a frequent visitor, contributed \$200. Indians and Negroes, and people of all faiths, aided in erecting a small frame sanctuary near the intersection of historic Military Trail and fabled Pocomoonshine Trail (present N. E. 5th Avenue and 61st Street). Beachcombers on the then desolate Miami beach found a piece of mahogany, washed ashore from a wrecked vessel; and from it fashioned a pulpit used by Rev. C. W. White, of Indian River Mission, in the first service, April 2 (Easter), 1893. This unique pulpit, continuously used, is widely known as "the pulpit that sailed the seven seas."

Colorful characters attended this wilderness church in its early days: Mary Barnot, "Grandmother of Dade County"; Walter Frazier, the original "alligator boy"; Bill Mettair, rugged first sheriff of rowdy Dade; Robert Osceola and his talking crow; Dan Conroy and his celebrated "writing" dog; "Uncle Ned" Pent, the barefoot mailman; Julia Tuttle, co-founder (later) with Flagler of Miami; saintly Dora Graham, "the angel of the glades," and many others.

In 1894 and 1895 a fledgling Baptist group (now First Baptist) and an Episcopalian congregation (now Holy Cross) used the facilities of this church. It also housed part of Lemon City school, the first public school (1885) in present Dade County. Nearby was Lemon City Library, the first public library (1894) in South Florida.

On October 2, 1904, a hurricane razed the initial sanctuary and, while the congregation worshiped in a neighboring church, a second sanctuary was built at what is now 6311 N. E. 2nd Avenue. The treasured pulpit was salvaged and installed in the edifice.

In 1912 the church got its first full-time pastor (Rev. J. H. Davis). In 1925 Lemon City was taken into the limits of Miami (incorporated July 8, 1896). In 1934 the name of the church was changed to Grace.

The modern expansion of the pioneer church began in 1948 under the leadership of gifted and diligent Dr. S. H. Davies, now pastor of Swaim Memorial, Jacksonville. After efforts dating back to 1947, the titles of the property, long clouded, were cleared in 1949. The church was incorporated; land space was increased by 50 per cent; a new parsonage was bought for \$25,000. The church school was reorganized—in one year 55 members attended the Christian Workers' School. New blood and fresh talent became ozone for the veteran racer of Good News—all

departments of the church surged forward. Stewardship campaigns were conducted; the first successful campaign for building funds (\$45,000) was held in 1950. A Methodist Men's Club was formed; a nursery school and a kindergarten were added to the services of the modernizing parish.

As a direct result of these constructive achievements, Dr. Davies was in 1951 elected president of the Greater Miami Ministerial Association by its appreciative clergymen-members. The Religious News Service distributed an article to its newspaper and magazine clients that told of "the rebirth of Dade County's oldest church."

With the arrival of Rev. W. S. ("Scottie") Bozeman as pastor in June, 1952, the congregation resumed its forward march. Stewardship campaigns went annually on; Grace assumed the support of a national pastor (Cesar Benitz) in Cuba; The WSCS evolved from four to nine circles. In seven years the membership doubled, to almost 1,000; the annual budget rose from \$12,000 to \$60,000.

Two campaigns for building funds (totaling \$181,000) were successfully completed. With Judge Ray H. Pearson as invaluable chairman of the building committee, the new site was purchased (1955), the educational building erected (1956), and the sanctuary constructed (1959).

As proper setting for the new church plant, Loy Morrow (director of maintenance of Miami

parks) landscaped the property into a scene of variegated and symmetrical beauty. Too, as superintendent of the church school, Mr. Morrow, in the past few years, with assistance of Miss Nanette Majoros, developed a staff of dedicated, accredited teachers. Enrollment has rocketed to 610.

At the annual conference in June, 1959, Rev. Mr. Bozeman was transferred to First Church, Tampa; and in honor of the outstanding services of this inspiring leader, the congregation named its fellowship hall "Bozeman Hall." Here the famed "pulpit that sailed the seven seas" continues to function as a worship center.

Rev. William T. Blair, popular pastor of St. Paul's in Tallahassee for seven successful years, was appointed pastor of Grace—the 33rd leader in its 66 years. The members have already taken him and his lovely wife and children to their hearts. Pastor Blair, affable and talented, expects to specialize in various "family life" projects. The program augurs well—as all families in this historic church are akin to the E. R. Curry family, whose steadfast loyalty and quiet works caused it to be selected in 1958 as "The Typical Family in Grace Church."

Thus, Grace (Lemon City) Methodist Church, the parent of 700 churches in a world-famous area of 1,000,000 people, continues to race through the wilderness, of cold war and science and materialism, for the glory of God and the salvation of man.

Appointment Corrections

Due to typographical errors in the copy submitted to THE FLORIDA METHODIST it has been noted that the names of several members of the Conference were inadvertently omitted from the lists of Special Appointments. They are as follows:

Ashton A. Almand, Associate Treasurer of the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church;

Birney Gross, Assistant to the

President, Florida Southern College; and

T. Newton Wise, Executive Secretary, American Bible Society.

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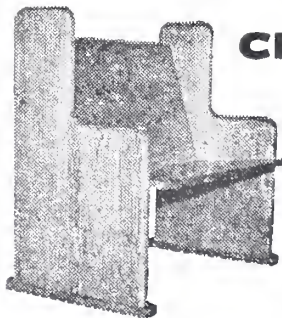
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Bishop's Last Resting Place

On a recent visit to Bullock County, Ala., the Rev. and Mrs. Chesley M. Sappington visited the grave of Bishop Branscomb in



Union Springs and took the above picture. They thought you might be interested.

In connection with the Laymen's Conference held at Lake Junaluska, July 23-26, there was a Bishops' Panel at which four bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction submitted to questioning from a group of lay interrogators. The bishops who participated were Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Bishop Costen J. Harrell, and Bishop Roy H. Short. At the beginning of the program the moderator, layman Carlisle Holler, read a letter from Bishop Paul Neff Garber stating that he would be unable to participate in the panel because of the serious illness of his wife. Mrs. Garber passed away on July 18th.

He also read a letter from Bishop John W. Branscomb, written from Orlando on January 9th, accepting the invitation to be a member of the panel and expressing his usual keen enthusiasm for the anticipated experience. Of course, Bishop Branscomb passed away one week later, on January 18th, and what the moderator failed to note or did not know was that the letter of acceptance was written from the bishop's hospital bed as he eagerly looked forward to resuming the work he loved so much.

It was one of the dramatic moments of the Conference as the huge congregation stood in bowed silence in memory of these greatly beloved leaders of Methodism.

A REAL "MISSION JAR"

The "Mission Jar" which is placed in the vestibule of Wesley Memorial Church, Lakeland, one Sunday each month, collected more than \$300 for Advance special during the last conference year, the Rev. J. Marvin Sweat, Jr., reports.

Purely Personal

Paul Mojzes of Yugoslavia, a ministerial student at Florida Southern College, was the speaker at the Sunday evening worship service at College Heights, Lakeland, on July 12.

Bill Mann, lyric tenor and member of the staff of First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, sang concerts recently at Manhattan Avenue and Hyde Park churches, Tampa.

The Rev. Robert John Gisler, pastor of Snyder Memorial, Jacksonville, has been appointed Chief of Chaplains' Services for the Jacksonville-Duval Civil Defense Council and, in that capacity, attended a week of intensive training for religious leaders at Manhattan Beach, N. Y.

The Rev. Karl Koestline, retired minister and former member of the Florida Conference, is supplying the pulpit at Palm Harbor while the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Howell, vacation in the Holy Land and Europe.

Ministerial students who have taken part in recent services at Hyde Park, Tampa, include J. P. Floyd, Jr., who will enter Duke University in September, Lawrence McCleskey, who has completed one year at Duke, and John Bickerstaff, who is a senior at the University of Florida.

Marvin McKinley, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. McKinley, who live in the Gainesville District parsonage, graduated from the University of Florida in chemical engineering with high honors and received a fellowship to encourage him in the pursuit of his studies for his master's in that field.

The Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Rabb and family of St. Paul's, Miami, lived in the parsonage and preached at Lake Placid while the pastor, the Rev. Harry C. Parham, and his family vacationed.

Mr. A. L. Cleveland of First Church, Fort Meade, recently received a bar for his Sunday School pin indicating 40 years of perfect attendance.

The Rev. and Mrs. Clare Hall of Pahokee announce the birth of twins, Steven Ray and Kenneth Charles, on July 6.

The Rev. T. Newton Wise, Florida minister now with the American Bible Society, was recently

named International Chaplain of Civitan International at that organization's convention in Colorado Springs, Colo. He addressed the Civitan Vice-President's Conference in Atlanta on July 12.

The Rev. Harold Miller of First Church, Dade City, represented

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his local Rotary Club at the recent Rotary International convention in New York.

Dr. Allen W. Moore, Conference Evangelist and a former pastor of First Church, St. Petersburg, preached in that church on at least two occasions last month.

The Rev. Robert P. Sofge, pastor at Druid Hills, Ocala, reports that he left gadget bag, camera, several rolls of film and possibly an exposure meter in the Commons at Florida Southern College while attending Conference on Saturday, June 6. He understandably is anxious to recover his property but is especially concerned for two rolls of developed 8mm movie film which contains pictures of his family made last Christmas and Easter. If you can be of help—Mr. Sofge can be addressed at 306 S. Virginia Ave., Ocala.

Miss Doris Manning is educational worker for the summer months at First Church, Tampa. She will return to Wesleyan College in September, where she is majoring in religious education.

Allie Lane, lay leader of First Church, Bartow, occupied the pulpit of First Church, Fort Meade, on July 19.

Dr. L. G. Sturdivant and **Dr. Ernest Miller** have been supplying the pulpit at First Church, South Miami, while the vacationing pastor, **Dr. Ralph Huston**, is also preaching at various spots in Jamaica, B. W. I.

Dr. George Foster, the **Rev. W. Goddard Sherman**, the **Rev. Walter Edwards**, **Mr. H. L. Levy**, **Mrs. Julian Renfro**, and **Mr. Loren Maltby** were the leaders for the Youth Activities Week conducted by Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale, recently. **The Rev. Henry G. Galoway** served as dean.

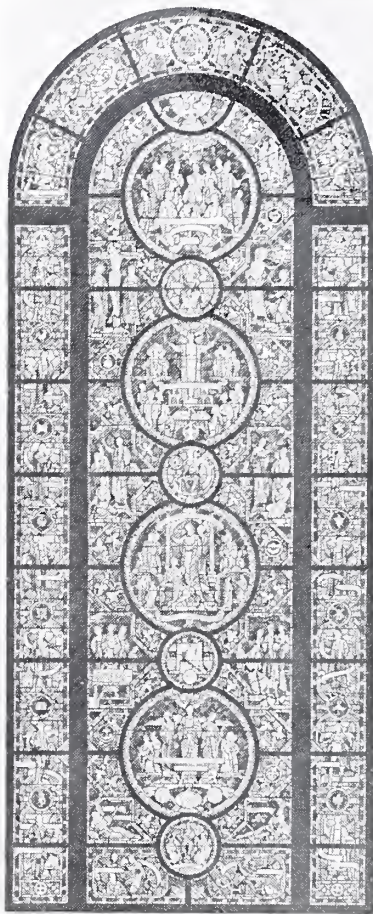
Among the Special Appointments of interest announced at the close of the Annual Conference were those of the **Rev. Charles H. Voss** who will live in Lakeland and serve full time as the Conference Treasurer; the **Rev. Thomas D. Ryan** who will be the administrator of the new Jacksonville Methodist Home, Wesley Manor; the **Rev. E. F. Mayton** who is serving as chaplain of the Florida State Penitentiary; and the **Rev. H. L. Bowdoin**, who will serve as a Conference Evangelist.

Chapel Attracts Visitors

The Pentecost Window of the Upper Room Chapel in Nashville, Tenn., was dedicated last Pentecost Sunday to "emphasize the worship of God in prayer and praise, to stress the importance of Pentecost, and to promote world Christian fellowship."

Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, led the act of dedication, which included the foregoing quotations and others.

Brooks Hays, of Little Rock, Ark., and Washington, D. C., gave the



address for the occasion. He is president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. Hays, who has written devotionals for *The Upper Room*, praised the daily devotional guide for its "mighty influence in our troubled world."

The \$27,000 stained glass window is twenty feet by eight feet in size. The main medallions in the center area tell the story of Pentecost. Other designs depict the "heroes of the faith" and growth of the Christian church and symbolize world Christian fellowship.

THE UPPER ROOM Chapel, with its life-size wood carving of the "Last Supper" and its great Pen-

GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

The V.C.S. at Arlington, Jacksonville, served 317 children and employed a staff of 82 teachers and workers. An offering of \$50 was received for the work of Carl Shafer in building a school at Santiago de las Vegas, Cuba.

Churches of Tampa are uniting in a campaign to pass an ordinance to prevent the sale of intoxicating beverages on Sunday.

Approximately 60 children attended the junior camp operated by Palma Ceia Church, Tampa, at Camp Florida, a campground owned by the Evangelical and United Brethren Church near Limona.

Two university presidents were speakers at Palma Ceia Church, Tampa, on Methodist Student Day: Dr. David Delo, president of the University of Tampa, and Dr. John S. Allen, president of the University of South Florida.

The Rev. H. T. Heitzenrater has asked members of First Church, Clermont, to supply family snapshots for inclusion in a "Picture Prayer Book" which his office staff is compiling. This book, he has told his parishioners, "will be helpful to the pastor as he prays by name for each member." Birth dates also will be included in the book.

The Rev. M. M. Meredith of First Church, Wauchula, reports a most successful Planning Retreat for the Official Board and Commissions of the Church, the first such retreat in the church's history.

The V.C.S. at Palm Harbor reports a total attendance of 73 with 18 workers participating.

tecost window, is drawing additional thousands of visitors from all parts of the country, and from overseas. They apparently find it a stimulating experience to look up into the face of Jesus and with the Disciples ask, "Lord, is it I?"

Many groups scheduled to hold meetings in Nashville and scores of others making the trip especially to visit the chapel arrange for worship or communion services in the chapel. Last year 395 such services were held.

The number of visitors registering in the first six months of this year was fifty percent above the number registered in the same period last year.



Publication of a Methodist magazine designed to meet church-wide musical needs will get under way in October. Published by The Methodist Publishing House, it is called *Music Ministry* and is edited by Rev. V. Earle Copes (insert).

New Music Magazine

Guidance and inspiration for all persons with music responsibilities in the church and church school will be ready in October when The Methodist Publishing House launches its new monthly music magazine. It is called *Music Ministry* and is edited by Rev. V. Earle Copes, former church organist, composer, choir director, and college professor.

Music Ministry will be issued as a curriculum resource through the Editorial Division of the Board of Education and The Methodist Publishing House. However, it will cover all phases of church music. It will be closely related to the interests of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians, from whose membership has come much guidance in planning the new periodical.

The new magazine will correlate the many music interests within

the local church and will provide guidance and inspiration for all who are part of the music life of the church. Special attention will be given to providing all church school workers with suggestions for bringing music into the curriculum program at various age levels.

Regular features will be workshop type articles for the adult choir director, the organist, the church and church school pianists, directors of youth and children's choirs, and church school teachers interested in using music to greater advantage with their curriculum materials.

Also featured each month will be the story of a great hymn, a devotional column, a musical calendar, and news and ideas from the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians.

Mr. Copes comes to his position as editor from Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where he was as-

sociate professor of organ and choral director. Previously he had served in music capacities in many churches varying in size from a small rural parish in North Carolina to Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas, now Methodism's largest congregation.

A graduate of Davidson College in North Carolina, Mr. Copes also holds both the Bachelor of Divinity and the Master of Sacred Music degrees from Union Theological Seminary, New York. He has done further graduate study under the eminent musicologist, Dr. Paul Pisk, at the University of Texas.

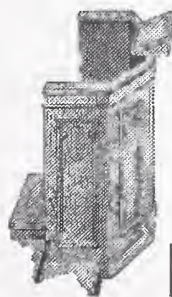
He has been heard widely as an organ recitalist and has made extensive tours as conductor of the Hendrix College and Cornell College choirs. Mr. Copes is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda, professional music fraternity, the American Guild of Organists, the Committee on Music of the National Council of Churches, and Committee on Church Music for the Teacher's National Association.

As a composer and arranger, he has made contributions to the catalogs of a number of leading publishers and is the author of "A Philosophy of Church Music."

Featured also each month will be a special music supplement carrying original music by outstanding composers and music selected from the catalogs of many publishers. This section will serve as a ready reference for the choir director and will bring recommended anthems to his attention.

Included among the contributors to the first issues will be Bishop Edwin E. Voigt, chairman of the Commission on Worship, and the Rev. Bliss Wiant, director, ministry of music, Board of Education, and executive secretary of NAFOMM. Other contributors include prominent writers in the music field from throughout the United States and several foreign Countries.

Music Ministry may be ordered on the Literature Order Blank of The Methodist Publishing House right along with other church school literature at 60c per quarter. Annual subscriptions on an individual basis are available at \$3.00 per year.



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BISHOP PEELE DIES

Bishop William Walter Peele, retired, of The Methodist Church died in his sleep July 1 at his home in Laurinburg, N. C. He was 77.

Funeral services were held July 3 in the Laurinburg Methodist Church with Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., and the Rev. Henry G. Ruark, the pastor, sharing in the ritual.

Bishop Peele was revered for his gentle and gracious manner, and highly regarded throughout his



Bishop William W. Peele, D. D., LL. D.

ministry as an educator, pastor and administrator. He is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Lytch of Laurinburg, and numerous kin in North and South Carolina.

Elected a bishop of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1938, Bishop Peele presided over the Richmond Area for 14 years before retiring in 1952. The Area comprises the Virginia and North Carolina Conferences.

Bishop Peele served one term, 1942-43, as president of the Council of Bishops, and nine years as the chairman of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains. He also served as trustee of Duke and American universities.

Bishop Peele was a native of Gibson, N. C., one of 10 children born to parents who farmed 80 acres and sent eight of their youngsters through college. He was a graduate of Trinity College, now Duke University, and held honorary doctorates from Duke and Randolph-Macon College.

He entered the ministry in 1906 after serving as a professor and three years as president of Ru-

therford College, now Brevard (N. C.) College.

In 1911 he became headmaster of Trinity Park School in Durham, N. C., and in 1915 he was made Professor of Bible Literature at Trinity College. He returned to the pastorate in 1918, serving churches in Raleigh, Durham and Charlotte, and two years as superintendent of the Greensboro district prior to his election to the episcopacy.

THE REV. J. THOMAS BELLAR

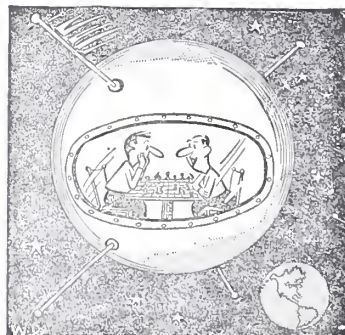
The Rev. J. Thomas (Tom) Bellar, newly assigned associate minister of First Church, Tampa, died July 1st at a Tampa hospital of bulbar polio. The 25-year-old minister was hospitalized on June 20 when he was stricken less than 3 weeks after he had received his appointment on June 7th. Only a few days before the congregation of First Church had welcomed him and his family at a reception held for them and for the Rev. W. S. Bozemans.

Mr. Bellar was formerly a resident of Miami and was a graduate of the University of Miami. He had just completed his work at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., and was admitted on trial into the Florida Conference and ordained a deacon in The Methodist Church at the last Annual Conference. He had previously served the Southwest Church, Miami, and had been an associate pastor at the Allapattah Church, Miami. He had also held appointments at Garland and Ladonia, Texas.

Mr. Bellar is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Lou Bellar; a son, Michael Walter Bellar, and a daughter, Lauren Kathryn Bellar.

Funeral services were held on July 3 at the Allapattah Church in Miami and interment was in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

My Neighbors

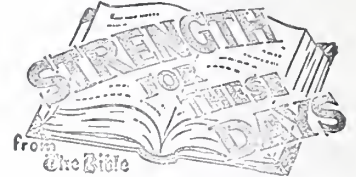


"I can see the old gal now—stomping around in her flat heeled shoes, kicking at the dog, snarling at the cat..."

BUILDINGS and IMPROVEMENTS

The Sunday school wings of First Church, Lakeland, are being air conditioned.

First worship service in the new building of Temple Terrace Church, Tampa, was held June 14. Edwin Davis is pastor.



And be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.—(Ephesians 4:32.)

When we stop to think that God forgives us of our sins not once but many times, that He loves us despite our unworthiness, how is it possible that we can keep unkindness, hatred and resentment in our hearts?

A new sidewalk almost 300 feet long and costing approximately \$500 has been installed at First Church, Frostproof.

Highlands Church and Arlington are two Jacksonville churches about to build new sanctuaries. Highlands also plans an addition to its church school building.

Boy Scouts at Hyde Park, Tampa, are painting their newly arranged Scout Room in the educational building.

Childs Park, St. Petersburg, has joined the ranks of Florida churches enjoying the privilege of worshipping in air-conditioned comfort.

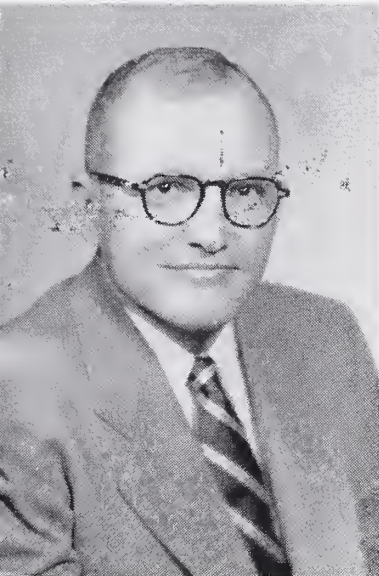
Churches Unite For Youth Week

Methodist churches on the North Jacksonville area combined efforts for a Youth Activities Week, July 26-August 1. The churches participating included Epperson, North Shore, Main Street, Livingston, Inman Memorial and Anderson Memorial with the latter serving as host church.

Nightly activities included classes for the entire Youth Division and for adult workers. The week ended with a party and worship service at Little Talbot Island.

METHODIST BRIEFS

Dr. Mack Stokes of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University and Dr. Carlyle Marney, noted Baptist preacher of Char-



DR. STOKES

lotte, N. C., will be the preachers at the Conference on Evangelism and the Candler Camp Meeting to be held at Lake Junaluska, August 16-23. The Rev. William H. Allerton of Dublin, Ireland, will lead the prayer emphasis and many other leaders of the church will participate.

Two leaders of the Board of Evangelism in Nashville, Dr. Harry Denman and the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, and 10 other American Methodists left July 1 on an evangelistic mission to Malaya and the Philippines. They expect to return August 31. They are going at the invitation of the Board of Missions and the bishops in the two countries. Dr. Denman is general secretary of the Board of Evangelism, and Dr. Potts is editor of the internationally circulated devotional guide, *The Upper Room*.

Mrs. Orina Kidd Garber, wife of Bishop Paul Neff Garber of Richmond, Va., died July 18 in a Richmond hospital following an illness of several weeks. The Garbers were married in 1927. She had served with her husband during 35 years as a professor and dean of Duke University and as bishop of Geneva, Switzerland, and Richmond.

First Church, Bartow, reports a new Vacation Bible School attendance record—79 children and 10 teachers being present on one day.

Men at Work

Methodist Men of Bayshore, Tampa, served a pancake supper recently to help buy a motion picture projector and screen.

Miami's Palm Springs Church, served by the Rev. A. E. Purviance, was organized last October (1958). It now boasts 150 members. A Methodist Men's Club was organized in April of this year. Already they have reserved a cabin for 12 men for the Leesburg Laymen's Retreat in October.

Some 69 persons heard the Rev. Al Hedberg, pastor of Trinity, Bradenton, when he addressed a "Men-and-Boys" night held by the Methodist Men of First Church, Wauchula.

The Methodist Men of Asbury Church, Bartow, assisted by some of the Sunday school classes, are erecting a large outdoor grill on the church grounds.

A course in safe and sane small boat handling was given at a recent meeting of Methodist Men of Palma Ceia, Tampa. Instructors were Ben Mantz, training officer of the United Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Richard Huhne, divisional training officer.

First Church, Wauchula, reports 13 men already registered for the Laymen's Retreat to be held at Leesburg in October.

M.Y.F. Corner

A record-breaking group of 14 Intermediates attended the Leesburg Youth Camp from Frostproof this year.

M.Y.F. members at Hyde Park, Tampa, made \$41 on a car-washing project. The money will be applied to their missions projects.

The Rev. Warren Willis, Conference Youth Work Director, was the guest choir director and his associate, the Rev. Lee Pearson, was the guest preacher at Morrison Memorial, Leesburg, on July 19. These youth leaders along with members of the Youth Leadership Team of the Conference Youth Camp regularly participate in the Sunday services of the local church.

The Rev. Claude Stanfield reports that 18 boys and girls from First Church, Fort Meade, attended the recent Christian Adventure Camp at Leesburg.

Honoree Going and Coming

When Dr. J. Milburn McLeod and his family left Lakeland to move into the District parsonage in Jacksonville they were riding in a new air-conditioned Buick automobile, a gift to Dr. McLeod



DR. MCLEOD

from his host of friends and well-wishers in Lakeland in recognition of his seven years of leadership as pastor of First Church.

The arrival of the McLeods in Jacksonville was the signal for a whole shower of receptions in their honor. One or two of these are mentioned in the columns of the W.S.C.S. page. One of the affairs not reported, however, was the get-together banquet held at the Avondale Church by the Preachers' Wives honoring the McLeods along with all of the new preachers of the District and their families. As reported by the Rev. A. A. Reppenhagen, "Virginia Hartsfield, the wife of the Rev. Paul Hartsfield, gave us one of her super-duper de luxe program specials on the theme 'Welcome to Jacksonville.' 'Bishop' Elliott Ritch, of Murray Hill Church, presided at the presentation of new district families. A new sound film in color and depicting the history of Jacksonville was shown. After enjoying the feed, fun, fellowship, and film, everyone departed with a smile on his face and an eager new anticipation to 'get busy' in the new conference year."

Mrs. Walter M. Cline of Palma Ceia Church, Tampa, reports that the church has had twelve active Girl Scout troops this year, providing recreation and service opportunities for 192 girls and 21 adult leaders.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES LEADER



The Rev. Howard Ellis, evangelist-artist of Nashville, Tennessee, was the inspirational leader for Youth Activities Week at Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg, July 19-24. Mr. Ellis is Director of the Joint Department of Youth Evangelism of The Methodist Church.

Using 17 different colors of

chalk, Mr. Ellis reproduces religious masterpieces while he delivers his sermons. He has done these "sermons in chalk" before thousands of youth in all sections of the United States and recently was on the Methodist youth evangelism team which went to the Scandinavian countries. Several years ago he visited Russia to dis-

cover opportunities for youth evangelism there. He is the author of the new book on youth evangelism called, "Evangelism for Teen-Agers."

Youth Activities Week included nightly suppers served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, discussion groups led by the Rev. Henry Koestline, minister of education, and recreation led by Mr. Paul B. Kay of Marietta, Georgia.

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Pastors' School, October 5 - 9

Detailed information concerning the Florida Conference Pastors' School will be reaching the ministers' desks very soon. Meanwhile, this is to remind them that the dates of the School are October 5-9 with the sessions to be held at the Leesburg Youth Camp. As in the past, the School will begin with the evening meal on Monday and close at noon on Friday. A full and interesting program has been prepared and no effort has been spared to secure top-flight men for the faculty.

No doubt many of the Conference Boards and other groups also will be having special meetings during the School and the fellowship the occasion affords never fails to make it one of the high spots in every preacher's year. The ministers are urged to hold these dates in reserve for this important event.

The YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By HOOVER RUPERT

HOW TOUGH DO YOU HAVE IT?

Now and again I get caught between teen-agers who can't wait for tomorrow and oldsters who would like very much to return to yesterday. I find a little of personal desire for a little of both of these spirits in the today I have to live. But, to those who long for the good old days and to those who think they as youth have it so tough today, a little visit back to 1872 for a look at working rules for employed people should prove interesting.

In a day when three weeks of paid vacation, six paid holidays, and two coffee breaks per day are standard operating procedures in industry, take a look at this list of rules for employees posted April 5, 1872, at the Mt. Cory Carriage and Wagon Works, as reported by the Acme Steel Company.

(Comments in parentheses are 1959 ones by yours truly.)

(1) Office employees will daily sweep floors, dust the furniture, shelves, and showcases. (Can't even get teeners to do that at home, can you?)

(2) Each day fill lamps, clean chimneys and trim wicks. Wash the windows once a week.

(3) Each clerk will bring in a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's business. (Think of the exercise we get turning up the thermostat!)

(4) Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to your individual taste. (Bet they wouldn't write through butter like you know what today!)

(5) This office will open at 7 A.M. and close at 8 P.M. daily, except on the Sabbath, on which day it will remain closed. Each employee is expected to spend the Sabbath by attending church and contributing liberally. (Good!)

(6) Men employees will be given an evening off each week for courting purposes (bravo!), or two evenings a week if they go regularly to church. (Guess he could "ake "her" to church and kill two birds with one stone.)

(7) After an employee has spent 13 hours of labor in the office every day that is, he should

GET IN "CONTACT"

By THE REV. JACK A. DAVIS

A greater concern for Christian Social Relations is one of the startling developments within the Church of our time. In the early years of this century, temperance was our chief social concern. Then after the First World War, world peace came to be recognized as a legitimate concern of the Church. It was not until after the Second World War that it became obvious that all social problems are related to the spiritual well-being of Christians, and our Church organized a Board of Social and Economic Relations. In our local churches, these social concerns are continually being expressed from the pulpit and the class-room, and increasingly, local churches are organizing a fifth Commission, called the Commission for Christian Social Relations. Its purpose is to lead the Church and its individual members in expressing the mind and spirit of Christ in all life's relationships.

Persons responsible for the promotion of Christian Social Relations in the Conference, the District, or the local Church must keep themselves informed if they are to be effective. One tool that is helpful is the "Methodist Story" provided free to all Commission Chairmen in the local church, as well as District and Conference Officers. But in addition, those working in this area should have CONTACT, a short-deadline bi-monthly that combines what was formerly mailed out by the three Boards working in this area. It is important because its releases are news and interpretations while they are "hot." "The METHODIST STORY" is excellent for long range planning, but CONTACT is important for interpretation of social issues, and for taking action before it is too late. You can be assured that if you believe that Christians should be concerned for the total life of the community, you will find CONTACT exciting reading. For subscriptions at \$3.00 per year, write to The Methodist Building, 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D. C.

spend the time reading the Bible and other good books while contemplating the glories and building up of the kingdom. (Can't he do that while asleep?)

(8) Every employee should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earning for his benefit during his declining years, so that he will not become a burden upon the charity of his betters. (Save now or it's over the hills to the poorhouse.)

(9) Any employee who smokes Spanish cigars, uses liquor in any form, gets shaved at a barbershop, or frequents pool and public halls, will give me good reason to suspect his worth, intentions, integrity, and honesty. (He's free to choose of course!)

(10) The employee who has performed his labors faithfully and without fault for a period of five years in my service, and who has been thrifty and attentive to his religious duties, and is looked upon by his fellowmen as a substantial and law abiding citizen, will be given an increase of five cents per day in his pay, providing a just return in profits from the business permits it. (Conditional, isn't it?)

Anyone for 1872?

The Message From Wichita . . .

(Following is the text of a message to The Methodist Church from the Fourth National Methodist Town and Country Conference which met in Wichita, Kansas, July 21-24, 1959.)

To Fellow Methodists Everywhere:

Nearly 1,200 of us who love and serve Methodist people in town and country churches have been conferring in the National Methodist Town and Country Conference in Wichita, Kansas, July 21 to 24. We have talked and prayed together to learn to minister more effectively to men and women in these areas of our nation.

We have tried objectively and honestly to appraise the churches we have in town and country, to measure them against the needs of people who attend or surround them, and to lay plans for such changes, and programs, and emphases as may be necessary if they are to fulfill the purposes for which our Christ lived and died and for which The Methodist Church was formed.

Our deliberations have led us to proclaim again our love and devotion to The Methodist Church, and at the same time to make her a better instrument for doing the will of God, for proclaiming the ageless Gospel message, and for serving more adequately the people in the churches and communities around the world that look to Methodism for guidance. (This concern was shown in an offering taken for migrants in the United States and for Near East refugees and work in Hong Kong abroad.)

We have asked ourselves some basic questions about our church. We have not found all the answers, but we believe we have been guided in the direction of some answers. And we ask your study and discussion of them in your church and its organizations. Discussion, we are certain, will be crystalized into action in the days ahead.

1. What are the beliefs held by Methodists and taught in Methodist churches. How do these beliefs express themselves in the conduct of the believers?

There was quite general agreement that greater effort should be made to train new members of the church in the basic beliefs of Methodists; that laymen should be trained to know the doctrines and the historical background of The Methodist Church.

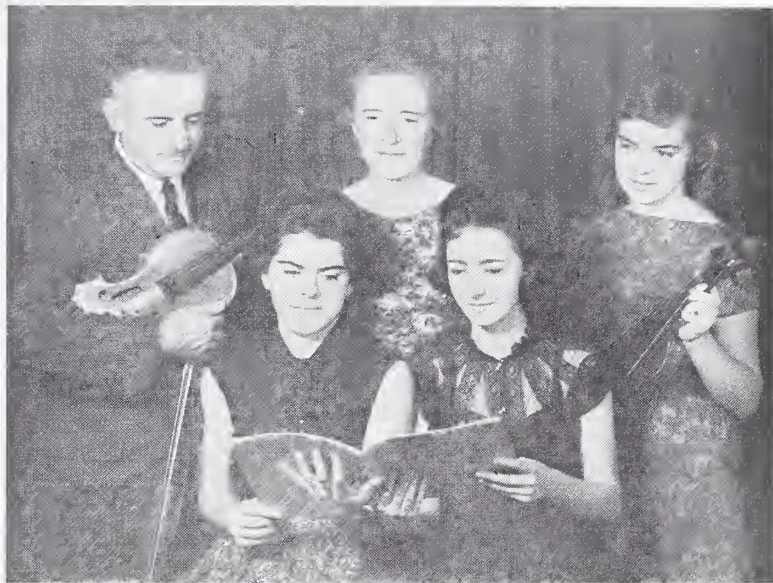
It was pointed out in one study that most ministers and laymen accept belief in the fatherhood of God, in Jesus as the supreme revelation of God, that Jesus rose from the dead, that "to become perfect in love for God and man" should be the goal of every Christian, and that man's destiny is largely dependent upon the grace

of God—yet each person plays a decisive role in his fate by his own choices and conduct. But in the realm of the "practical application" of some of these beliefs (as,

for example, the implications of brotherhood) it would appear that many do not live up to their profession. "Here," it was said, "is the area for preaching and teaching."

2. Methodism shaped its organizational pattern in America about 175 years ago—though there has been gradual change through successive General Conferences. Do

The Branscomb Fine Arts Ensemble



Left to right, are: (standing) the Rev. Robert Eaker, viola; Mrs. Robert Eaker, piano; Janet Eaker, violin; (Seated) Carolyn Eaker, flute; and Helene Marquez, soprano.

The Branscomb Fine Arts Ensemble will visit Methodist Churches in Florida on behalf of the missionary work being done at the JOHN W. BRANSCOMB METHODIST CHURCH, Holguin (Oriente) Cuba. Individuals and groups from this important church in Cuba have dedicated their musical interests and talents to the cause of Fine Arts in the churches of Cuba and have been successful in lifting the cultural and spiritual level of many communities.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eaker serve in the pastorate of the Branscomb Methodist Church, and direct the work in nearby mission churches. A strong and active group of young people assist in conducting Sunday Schools, preaching services, and children's work in the poor sections of this city of 80,000.

Janet and Carolyn Eaker will be entering their respective colleges (Florida Southern, and La-Grange) and will take part in the family musical presentations

Miss Helen Marquez is first soprano of the Youth Choir of the Branscomb Church, and will direct children's work in the central church and mission stations. She is a government trained kindergarten worker.



A KINDERGARTEN FOR THE BRANSCOMB CHURCH

This day school will reach out into nearby homes and become an effective opening for fine, middle class families, who are without any church connection.

With the increasing concern of the Methodist Church in the fine arts in the local churches in the United States, the visit of this missionary family from Cuba will be of special interest to Florida Churches. Tentative plans call for the Ensemble's appearance in The Miami District, September 9-14; in the Lakeland Area, September 15-17; and in the Leesburg Area, and at the Laymen's Conference, October 2-13.

the traveling ministry, the circuit, the quarterly conference, and other forms of Methodist organization fit the needs of town and country America today?

It was felt by the Conference that adequate use has not been made of the flexibility that is possible within the structure of The Methodist Church to develop group ministries, larger parishes, or some other adjustment of station churches and circuits, so as to meet the varied needs of different parts of the country. It was felt, also, that the Town and Country Commission should be strengthened in many of the annual conferences; that commissions should be trained for their work; that within districts and conferences there should be realignment of charge and circuit boundaries so that each minister will have a full "load of work," that an adequate salary can be provided each man, and that no family may be "outside" some church's ministry. It was felt also that throughout the church there should be more adequate understanding and sharing with minority groups as they face their special problems.

3. How can the ministerial personnel of Methodism be used to serve more adequately the small churches and country areas? Can the laymen be more effectively used in some of the public and private ministrations of the church?

There was general consensus that ministers and other church leaders are often burdened with routine and non-pastoral duties that could well be cared for by laymen in their churches. Many laymen, it was felt, could be trained and used in parish visiting, in educational effort, in secretarial service, freeing the minister for direct pastoral duties. The "outside pressures" made upon pastors and district superintendents often reduce their effectiveness. Clerical help should be available for every minister and administrator.

4. How far should the local church exert itself to serve the physical, social, material, educational, and recreational needs of the community?

No two communities have the same needs for the well-being of its people. But the minister and his official members should be cognizant of the basic requirements of their community and parish. Those requirements may be a place for children to play, or a library, or a park, or a school building, or extension classes, or a credit union, or a fire company, or cooperative marketing. Whatever the need, the church should

lead in having it met; perhaps as the organizer of the institution, or perhaps as the spur for government agencies or local groups to act.

The importance of this community service—and a word of caution concerning it—came from one speaker: "We must take our common life seriously, to protect the headwaters and hillsides of our common life from careless erosion and willful destruction. We must conserve the community because it is the gift of God's creative love to us. You cannot love and conserve your community unless you know it honestly and completely. . . . But you may have well-run social institutions, which are no churches at all, and we may have tiny, self-centered, dying institutions which call themselves churches, but are no churches at all. What makes our common life in the name of religion a church is the capacity of its fellowship to do the works of Jesus."

To the town and country churches comes the appeal of this Conference that they take seriously their representation in the district and annual conferences of The Methodist Church, to choose their ablest men and women as their representatives, and to make certain of their attendance. Failure to send able lay members too often means that the smaller

churches are unheard in counsel and legislation—to their own loss.

These are some of the questions and problems we discussed at Wichita. We have no final answers. These will be of your making. We urge you to discuss them throughout the church. There can come from you a groundswell of thought that will result in action through the years.

That action, we believe, can make the town and country church an instrument to lead men and women toward the Kingdom of God.

Bishop Edwin Edgar Voigt,
Chairman, Interboard Commission on Town and Country Work, Aberdeen, S. D.

Glenn F. Sanford,
Executive Secretary, Interboard Commission on Town and Country Work, Philadelphia, Pa.

Elliott L. Fisher,
Chairman, Conference Committee on Findings, San Jose, Calif.

THREE CONCERTS

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Gyori and their 2 sons, Hungarian refugees now members of First Church, West Palm Beach, gave concerts at Seminole Heights, Tampa, College Heights, Lakeland, and Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven, last month.

GUESTS IN TALLAHASSEE



Dr. and Mrs. Richard Milk and family, missionaries to Cuba who are widely known throughout the state, were guests at Trinity, Tallahassee, on a recent weekend. They were en route to Cuba from Ames, Iowa, where Dr. Milk had just received his Ph. D. degree at Iowa State.

Dr. Milk is the Director of the

Agricultural and Industrial School at Preston, Oriente, Cuba. This School has been the recipient of Trinity's "Cuba Special" for several years and the infirmary, known as the "Tallahassee Building," was erected by gifts from this church. Thus, the visit of the Milks was a happy and significant occasion.

Middle East Refugee Problem

One of the greatest refugee problems in world history harrasses the Middle East, where nearly a million Arabs, by the 1948 United Nations Partition of Palestine, have been driven from their properties, and for eleven years have lived as uprooted people. Recently I visited Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt. Since my program was arranged by the Near East Christian Council Committee for Refugee Work, I had easy entry into refugee camps and many contacts with all kinds of people. It was not only the poor who fled; Arabs of position and wealth living in the more prosperous western side of the country were forced to abandon everything and become homeless.

Because of the hopelessness of any political solution which will reinstate the Arabs on land they lost to the State of Israel, the UN accepted the task of housing, feeding, clothing and educating these victims of the Partition. However, it is appalling to see how little the UN can do because funds are limited to what the member States contribute for this purpose. The amount available in 1959 breaks down into 7½ cents per day for each refugee. Christian churches endeavor to supplement the UN efforts.

Recently I saw thousands of these uprooted people, in and out of the camps. We hear much about housing and feeding but little about the health problems of this group. I had the privilege of looking into that phase of the situation.

One day I went in the NECCC jeep far up into the rocky hills beyond Hebron, where Abraham, Isaac and Rebecca are buried. Just beyond I could see the division line between Jordan and Israel. On the Jordan side of this 346 miles of frontier there are 111 villages of 181,000 souls, all of whom lost most or all of their cultivatable lands to the Israelis, and have received no compensation. Because the UN takes no responsibility for these frontier folks, they are a most pitiable group. In this area around Hebron the Christian agencies have set up three small clinics served by Dr. Mahoud Aba Lafa. He spends two days a week in each clinic, making the long journey from Jerusalem daily at his own expense.

The doctor was in Noba the day we visited that village. Already before noon he had treated 58 patients, many of them tubercular. At each clinic he gives milk regularly to some 80 children. Living here is primitive. Most of the stone shelters have no floors. There are no toilets. The land is

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so stony that only after days of continuous hand-picking of rocks can the refugees clear a bit of land and plant crops. Water is scarce and there is no irrigation system. On the Israeli side the rains come frequently from the Mediterranean, but little rain falls on the Jordan side.

In helping these people the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief now plays a vital part. Some of our funds provide medicines for these frontier villages, food for children, and a little clothing. We found a young Methodist from Michigan working in the NECCC in these villages, using some MCOR funds. He told us that, in the past year, he had distributed by jeep surplus food from U.S.A. to over 30,000 people. Between July and January he had brought 40,000 cubic feet of water to this part of Jordan and was setting up small nurseries of

apple and olive trees. "If you can give a refugee 50 to 100 apple seedlings, he can become self-supporting," he told us.

All this health and rehabilitation work is done under the Near East Christian Council, to which NCOR sends contributions from its regular or designated funds. Advance Special credit will be given for any gifts toward this work of compassion. Checks should be sent to the Rev. C. H. Voss, Conference Treasurer, Box 361, Lakeland, Fla., plainly marked for MCOR.

NOVEL SUPPER

Members of the Senior M.Y.F. of First church, Lakeland, sponsored a novel supper in late July to raise funds for altar furniture for their department. Ticket purchasers were asked at what hour they would like to eat and, at the appointed time, members of the group appeared at the purchasers' homes with a complete fried chicken dinner, hot and ready to eat. The young folks were kept on the jump for well over two hours making deliveries

DEDICATION AND GROUND BREAKING



The church at Melrose Park, Ft. Lauderdale, dedicated its educational unit and broke ground for the new sanctuary, pictured above, early last month. Assisting the pastor, the Rev. W. Goddard Sherman, in the dedicatory service were Dr. George Foster of Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale, and the Rev. Edgar E. Stauffer Stuart.

In addition to the above, Mrs. L. R. Smith, president of the Melrose Park W.S.C.S., and Mr. Dexter Burley also took part in the ground breaking.

The cost of the completed educational unit, which will immediately adjoin the proposed sanctuary, is \$25,000. The sanctuary will cost \$135,000.

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HOLY COMMUNION TABLE DISMISSALS—PREPARED BY DR. CLARE M. COTTON FOR USE IN THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY SCHOOL OF MISSIONS, JULY 30, 1959. HOLY COMMUNION WAS ADMINISTERED IN THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, LAKE LAND, FLA.

Theme: If we are "to kindle a growing light," we must—

1. Meditate on God's perfections; His beauty, truth, goodness, holiness, justice, mercy, love. Dedicate yourself to the incarnation of these perfections in you; do not merely admire them; seek them. Count everything else but a trifle in comparison. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Rise and go in Peace and the God of Peace go with you, Amen. (For the sake of brevity, this last line will be omitted in other dismissals.)

2. Never under any circumstances retaliate for an injury. Retaliation means that you are thinking in terms of the good you have been seeking from others—and they have failed to give you. Love, Goodwill, think in terms of what you can do for them.

3. Welcome every experience, pleasing or unpleasant, which God's Providence permits to come into your life. Make NO exceptions here;—The weather, the grumpy servant, the disappointments, the suffering and afflictions which He does Not send, but which are involved in the freedom He gave for His Glory.

4. Avoid anger. When it arises, banish it quickly. You are seeking to develop the spirit that LOVES men, and not for the sake of their goodness, but for Christ's sake. Anger will arrest and probably destroy this spirit. Eschew anger for the sake of Christ our Lord.

5. Develop the habit of doing and being everything for Christ's sake; loving people because He loves them; Doing your work well because He loves excellence; being patient under provocation because that pleases and honors Christ.

6. Forgive quickly when others seek pardon. Forgive people before they ask it. This is not easy if they have done you great injury, but it is necessary to your spir-

itual salvation. Nothing is a greater promoter of true charity than ready forgiveness.

7. Serve God as effectively as you can, but learn to rejoice when He is served more effectively by others. That will require real self-forgetfulness and devotion to Christ.

8. Pray for people; good and bad, friend and foe, kin and stranger. Do good to all whom you meet. Try not to let anyone come and go without receiving some spiritual bounty from your heart. Thru Jesus Christ our Lord.

9. Seek only such pleasures, honors and privileges as are found in Jesus Christ and agreeable to His spirit and mind. So shall all your experiences wed you more closely to Him.

10. Repent of your failure to be like Him "Blessed are they that mourn." Keep alive in you the purpose to serve Him under all circumstances and on all occasions.

11. Keep love for people uppermost in your life. If you find yourself loving things, or money or pleasures, or power over other people MORE, rigidly curb these rivals, remembering Christian love for people means you desire for them what you desire for yourself—"love your neighbor as yourself."

12. Rejoice in God's commands as much as in His gifts; in His disciplines as well as in His blessings, in His deprivations as well as in His bestowals.

13. Never make the faults of other people the subject of conversation. That will destroy more love and good will in ten minutes than you can acquire in a week of faithful devotions.

14. Never be content with the degree of love you have for God. Seek to love Him more and more and yet MORE.

15. As you meet people casually on the street or in the market places, take them into your loving thought and prayerful concern. Breathe a prayer for them, bestow a smile, say a kind word in passing. For the sake of Jesus Christ who loves them too.

16. Transcend in loving God, all thoughts of yourself, your happi-

ness and prosperity, your security and health. Thru Jesus Christ who first loved us.

17. When and where there is a choice between the welfare of a neighbor and the satisfaction of personal desires, give preference to his welfare.

18. Never seek for comfort or ease, but only seek to please God. Imitate Christ as far as you can. "Be ye followers of God as dear children."

19. Rejoice in the success of others as quickly as you sorrow at their misfortune. You will find the former much more difficult, especially when misfortune has been your lot. But it is greatly conducive to love.

20. Eternal God, graciously he made known again to each of us in the breaking of bread; and grant that the hands which have been folded in prayer here, may be opened in the deeds of compassion in the name of our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Rise and go in peace and the God of peace go with you. Amen.

SEPTEMBER FIRST—A new program for The Woman's Societies and The Guilds is prepared by Maude White Hardee and Elizabeth Watson, with its subject "A New Year—New Responsibilities" and a quotation—"first they gave themselves to the Lord" (2nd Cor. 8-5 R.S.V.) The Theme for this years program is taken from the Hymn 123 in The Methodist Hymnal—"There's A Light Upon the Mountain." Throughout the worship services for the next twelve months will come frequent references to mountains—their inspirational qualities, their geologic past, their influence in determining the course of nations in their development. Throughout the year we shall lift up our eyes to these hills and seek help in relation to our monthly programs. As we proceed, the significance of the theme and its reality for us should increase. Mountains may represent difficulties—barriers—a challenge which seems unsurmountable. But it is on the high place, on the mountaintop that the light strikes first and lingers longest. The valley may offer protection—a sheltered way of life. The valley has

its own uses. But we shall be thinking this year of those areas where the work of the Woman's Division rises above the common level—areas that challenge our clearest thinking, our most understanding attitudes, our universal compassion. The thoughts of nearly two million women—members of Woman's Societies and Guilds—will be turning toward these high places. May they be summits of inspiration, may the light be on them, and may our lives reflect some measure of their magnitude and radiance. May we be ready—in heart, in mind, and in strength—to receive the light and to pass it on to others. (Quotes—Worship Booklet, Sept. 1959, page 6.)

The 1959 School of Missions and Christian Service for The Woman's Societies and the Guilds was excellent. The number attending the Guild weekend was 167, broken down this showed 149 Guilders—12 members of Woman's Society—5 Faculty and 1 Deaconess. The Woman's Society School had 539 registered—broken down this showed 486 members living at the College—38 Day visitors—11 faculty—3 Deaconess and 1 Rural worker. There were 483 credits issued at the Woman's Society School. There were a number of members present who did not receive credit because of duties which would not permit the required number of hours in the classrooms.

The Communion offering of \$96.35 for The Wesleyan Service Guild and \$465.28 for The Woman's Society were sent thru regular channels to projects designated by the Study and Action committee for the S.E. Jurisdiction. The Faculty presentations every afternoon proved very helpful to those people who wished to hear discussed a study which they were not taking for credit.

Morning Meditations this year were in small groups in the dormitories and were prepared by Mrs. J. Withers Blake, using the Theme "The Spirit of Man is the Candle of the Lord" and was developed around four thoughts—1st "There is Light"—2nd "Receive the Light"—3rd "Walk in the Light"—4th "Share the Light." A child's definition of a saint, given after seeing stained glass church windows; "A saint is one who lets the light shine through."

There was truly "light upon the mountain" when this body of women climbed the little hill of the college campus to attend classes and Chapel, for this year all classes were held in Spivey Hall—Edge Hall—Pan-Hellenic Bldgs. and the Bible Hour was conducted in Pfeiffer Chapel by The Rev. Mr. W. I. Kersh, Jr., Minister of Belmont Heights

Church Tampa. He presented Bishop Costen Harrell's book "The Unfolding Glory" in a very fine way in three reviews.

We gratefully thank The First Methodist Church of Lakeland for the generous use of their Fellowship Hall and their beautiful Sanctuary where The Holy Communion was served by their minister Dr. Clare M. Cotton assisted by The Rev. Mr. R. A. Ally, Lakeland District and The Rev. Mr. Tom Mitchell, The Rev. Mr. Marvin Sweat, The Rev. Mr. O. C. Driskell and the Rev. Mr. Lee Strother, all of Lakeland. We give you on another page The HOLY COMMUNION TABLE DISMISSALS, which Dr. Cotton prepared and used based on the Theme of the School this year "To Kindle a Growing Light." Many of you spoke so kindly of this that we asked for them from Dr. Cotton. He graciously sent them to us for you.

Dates for District Seminars are listed below—The District Presidents presiding and the District Secretary of Missionary Education the chairman for the day.

ORLANDO—Sept. 10—Broadway Methodist at Orlando—guest Mrs. Paul Stewart. Sept. 12—Goss Memorial—Orlando—evening, Wesleyan Service Guild. Sept. 17—Trinity at Deland.

WEST PALM BEACH—Sept. 10—Fompano—Mrs. T. M. Rickards, Jr., guest. Sept. 17—Vero Beach—morning—Mrs. Paul Stewart, guest. Sept. 17—Vero Beach—evening, Wesleyan Service Guild.

JACKSONVILLE—Sept. 15—Lakeshore at night—Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy guest. Sept. 16—Lakeshore, daytime Woman's Society, Mrs. Paul Stewart, guest.

TAMPA—Sept. 18—Plant City—First Church—night W.S.G. guest Mrs. Paul Stewart. Sept. 18—Plant City—First Church—daytime. guest Mrs. Paul Stewart.

TALLAHASSEE—Sept. 21—Monticello—Woman's Society—guest Mrs. Paul Stewart. Sept. 22—Bradford—Woman's Society—guest Mrs. Paul Stewart.

MIAMI—Sept. 22—Miami—Grace Methodist—daytime. Sept. 22—Miami—Grace Methodist—Wesleyan Service Guild. Sept. 23—Homestead—daytime—Woman's Society.

GAINESVILLE—Sept. 16—Crescent City—Sept. 23—Starke. Sept. 30—Williston—guest Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy.

SARASOTA—Sept. 24—Palmetto—Day time—guest Mrs. Paul Stewart. Sept. 29—Tice—Daytime—guest Mrs. Paul Stewart.

ST. PETERSBURG—Sept. 24—

Spring Lake—Daytime guest Mrs. T. M. Rickards, Jr. Sept. 25th—Skyerest at Clearwater—guest Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy.

LAKELAND—Sept. 27th—Leesburg—night W.S.G. Sept. 29th—Dade City—daytime—guest Mrs. Allen Watson. Sept. 30th—Lake Wales—daytime—guest Mrs. Allen Watson.

The Florida Conference Woman's Society, Study and Action Committee who will be Itinerating for the Seminars are:—Mrs. Paul Stewart, Mrs. H. V. Weems, Mrs. T. M. Rickards, Jr.; Mrs. J. Withers Blake and Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy.

ATTENTION:—Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service:—MRS. VIRGIL MORGAN Conference Sec. of Promotion has a FILM STRIP "We, The People of the United Nations," which is available for use in the Societies in presenting the fall study—"The Role of The United Nations in World Affairs." It is available without charge, except return postage. If you are interested write Mrs. Morgan AT ONCE to 2068 Alameda St., Sarasota, Fla. telling her the date you wish to use this Film Strip.

MRS. H. V. WEEMS, Florida Conference President Woman's Society and Mrs. T. M. Rickards, Jr., Conference Sec. of Christian Social Relations will be discussion group leaders of the Methodist Conference on Human Relations at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, August 31st. to Sept. 4th. This will be a 1200 delegated body planned by the Co-operative World Service Agencies of The Methodist Church.

MRS. LEROY NORTHRUP, Fla. Conference Woman's Society Sec. of Youth Work will attend The Methodist Youth Fellowship Convocation at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. August 24th—31st. There will be 6000 youth and 1000 workers from all the Conferences of The Methodist Church, which signifies one of the larger events of the year. Mr. Leroy Northrup will accompany Mrs. Northrup and their daughter, an ardent MCFER who, will also be in attendance.



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Hyde Park, Tampa	300.00
Jacksonville Beach	200.00
Wesley, Miami	100.00
First, DeLand	100.00
Seminole Heights, Tampa	100.00
Ley Memorial, Key West	300.00

BISHOP'S REPAIR FUND

BISHOP'S PIONEER FUND

St. Mark's, Ocala	15.00
Epperson, Jacksonville	69.03
Belmont	15.00

BISHOP'S EMERGENCY FUND

Riverview	20.00
Florida City	5.00
Spanish American, Miami	10.00
Livingston	3.00
Osteen	2.00
Stafford	1.00
Zellwood	10.00
Miakka	20.00
Myakka City	2.00
Fort White	5.00
Crawfordville	5.00
Cherry Lake	5.00
First, Lake City	60.00
Belmont Heights, Tampa	5.00
San Marcos, Tampa	5.00
Bunnell	7.50
Lana Vista	5.00
Allapattah, Miami	15.00
Matecumbe	10.00
Redland Community	10.00
Georgiana	1.00
Severall	12.00
Reddick	2.50
Gilmore	5.00
Epworth	6.25
Highland City	7.00
Marathon	35.00
Holleman Park, Miami	25.00
Altoona	4.00
Paisley	5.00
Christ, Daytona Beach	2.00
Lake Helen	1.00
Union Park	10.00
Concord Park, Orlando	5.00
Meadowbrook	2.50
Taft	5.00
Charlotte Harbor	30.00
Edgewood, Fort Myers	20.00
Naples	25.00
Miccosukee	4.00
New Harmony	2.00
Gibsonton	5.00
Island Grove	1.00
St. Johns	2.50
Hilliard	10.00
Palm Harbor	5.00
Edgewood	13.00
Pleasant Grove	4.00
Greenville	10.00
Boca Raton	3.00
Delray Beach	25.00
Moore Haven	5.00
Bronson	5.00
Interlachen	5.00
St. Johns	2.00
Webster	5.00
Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven	10.00
Davie	20.25
Enterprise	40.00
Avon Park	2.50
Boca Grande	20.00
North Fort Myers	35.00
Lake Jackson	2.00
Chaires	2.00
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Moore Haven	10.00
Oakland Park	50.00
Lochloosa	2.50
Shiloh	12.00
Lady Lake	10.00
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Campville	1.00
Alturas	5.00
Kathleen	2.50
Child's Park	15.50
Euclid	15.00
Hudson	10.00
Sunset Heights	15.00
Wesley Chapel	7.00
Asbury, Bartow	10.00
Avon Park	2.50
Inman Memorial	10.00
Interbay, Tampa	40.00

SEMINARY BUILDING FUND

First, Melbourne	220.00
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SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND (at \$600 each)

Wesley Memorial, Lakeland	50.00
Haines City	10.00
Trinity, Miami	600.00
Allendale, St. Petersburg	225.00
Chattahoochee	25.00
Wesley Memorial	50.00
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Starke	268.95
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First, Jacksonville	5.00
Oviedo	400.00
First, Fort Myers	50.00
Tavares	30.00
First, Orlando	50.00

SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS

Riverview	160.00
Dade City	150.00
New Port Richey	36.00
Oneco	100.00
Murray Hill, Jacksonville	30.00
Murray Hill	5.00
Murray Hill	30.00
Murray Hill	20.00
Apopka	50.00
Fernando	25.00
Seminole Heights, Tampa	300.00
Williston	50.00
Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven	70.00
Dunedin	30.00
Largo	59.00
Allendale, St. Petersburg	225.00
Chattahoochee	50.00
Belmon	147.90
Pasadena Community	250.00
Pasadena Community	400.00
Sarah Spencer	10.00
Williston	50.00
First, St. Augustine	30.00

Homestead	10.00
First, Bradenton	60.00
St. James, Palatka	223.00
Homestead	10.00
Apopka	50.00
Avondale	469.40
Kissimmee	100.00

CUBAN MISSIONARIES' SALARIES

Trinity, Bradenton	89.00
Palma Ceia, Tampa	350.00
First, Ocala	941.00
Trinity, Bradenton	300.00
Lake Jackson	3.00
District Gift	400.00
First, Ocala	100.00
Broadway, Orlando	200.00

CUBAN MISSIONARIES' WORK FUND

Snyder Memorial, Jacksonville	250.00
First, Orlando	25.00
First, Orlando	25.00
First, Orlando	25.00
First, Orlando	25.00
First, Orlando	50.00
First, Orlando	20.00
Monticello	29.73
Arlington	25.00
First, Orlando	51.75
Dunedin	23.99
Pasadena Community	250.00
Pasadena Community	50.00
Nocatee	6.00
Wauchula	30.00
Calvary, Lake Worth	50.00
Fernandina	20.00
First, Jacksonville	15.00
First, Jacksonville	1.00
First, Jacksonville	1.00
Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven	200.00
Anona	10.00
Seminole	30.00
Seminole	300.00
Seminole	300.00
Seminole	30.00
Venice-Nokomis	86.00
Venice-Nokomis	107.00
First, Orlando	105.00
First, Orlando	5.00
Anderson Memorial, Jacksonville	14.00
First, Fort Pierce	5.00
Arlington	29.00
First, Jacksonville	23.00
Dade City	400.00
Anona	10.00
Wauchula	25.00

CUBAN NATIONAL PASTORS' WORK FUND

Trinity, Plant City	60.00
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OTHER ADVANCE SPECIALS TO CUBA

(Including Building Parsonages, Chapels, Churches)

Florida Conference Gift	58.00
Dinsmore, Jacksonville	50.00
Dinsmore, Jacksonville	5.00
Epworth	5.00
Epworth	5.00
Snyder Memorial, Jacksonville	54.00
College Heights, Lakeland	25.00
Allapattah, Miami	15.00
Allapattah	25.00
Trinity, Miami	300.00
St. Paul's, Orlando	20.00
Sebring	25.00
Chattahoochee	100.00
First, West Palm Beach	100.00
First, West Palm Beach	50.00
Juno Beach	4.00
Archer	10.00
Sparr	2.00
Lakewood	25.00
Groveland	25.00
Southwest	10.00
Orange City	50.00
Reeves Memorial, Orlando	15.00
Christ, St. Petersburg	65.00
Christ, St. Petersburg	1,900.00

Christ and his Church

Madison	500.00
First, Plant City	50.00
Springhead	200.00
Eau Gallie	50.00
First, Fort Pierce	400.00
Calvary, Lake Worth	50.00
Calvary, Lake Worth	50.00
Pahokee	7.50
Evinston	25.00
Arlington	25.00
Arlington	50.00
First, Jacksonville	3.00
First, Jacksonville	20.00
First, Jacksonville	33.00
Glen-Myra, Jacksonville	5.00
Swaim Memorial, Jacksonville	5.00
Wesley Memorial, Jacksonville	15.00
Kissimmee	10.00
Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven	85.00
Bryan Memorial, Miami	160.30
Venice-Nokomis	240.00
Christ, Tampa	5.00
First, West Palm Beach	100.00
First, West Palm Beach	50.00
St. James, Palatka	5.00
Epworth	5.00
Epworth	5.00
Main Street, Jacksonville	5.00
Main Street, Jacksonville	2.00
Trinity, Lakeland	10.00
Dania	117.50
Dania	20.00
Allapattah, Miami	20.00
Southwest	35.00
First, St. Petersburg	18.00
First, Fort Myers	50.00
Trinity, Plant City	15.00
Orlando	1,818.87
Doctors Inlet	15.00
Southside Sub. Dist.	50.00
Winter Garden	100.00
Eau Gallie	100.00
First, Fort Lauderdale	15.00
First, Fort Lauderdale	6.00
First, Fort Lauderdale	239.28
First, Fort Pierce	150.00
Dinsmore	55.00
Arlington	25.00
Avondale, Jacksonville	1,500.00
Epworth, Jacksonville	5.00
Epworth, Jacksonville	5.00
First, Jacksonville	1.00
First, Jacksonville	250.00
First, Jacksonville	10.00
Riverview	37.00
Riverside, Miami	87.50
Asbury, Bartow	1,001.56
Frostproof	150.00
Frostproof	20.00
Methodist Temple, Lakeland	20.00
Mulberry	25.00
Mulberry	50.00
Zephyrhills	1,000.00
West Hollywood	20.00
Trinity, DeLand	500.00
College Park, Orlando	133.00
Concord Park, Orlando	5.00
New Port Richey	164.00
Christ, St. Petersburg	78.00
Christ, St. Petersburg	11.39
First, St. Petersburg	5,824.00
St. Luke's, St. Petersburg	405.00
Tice	50.00
Perry	110.00
Hillsboro	1,200.00
Trinity, Palatka	50.00
Main Street, Jacksonville	1.00
Riverside, Miami	10.00
Christ, Miami	24.15
First, Daytona Beach	5.00
Bellevue	25.00
West Hollywood	25.00
Ormond Beach	5.00
Greensboro	10.00
Grace, West Palm Beach	5.00
High Springs	21.95
St. James, Palatka	5.00
Waldo	5.00
Main Street, Jacksonville	10.00
Murray Hill, Jacksonville	15.00
Murray Hill, Jacksonville	30.00
Murray Hill	17.00
Murray Hill, Jacksonville	25.00

Ortega, Jacksonville	70.00
Trinity, Jacksonville	5.00
Jacksonville Beach	10.00
Fruitland Park	1,000.00
Groveland	32.00
Haines City	40.00
Floral Park	10.00
Floral Park	25.00
White Temple, Miami	300.00
White Temple	250.00
College Park	25.00
First, Orlando	200.00
Pine Hills	25.00
Central, Fort Myers	25.00
Sebring	200.00
Monticello	26.38
Hyde Park	200.00
Lutz	5.00
Calvary, Lake Worth	50.00
Calvary, Lake Worth	25.00
First, Vero Beach	75.00
White Temple	150.00
Venice-Nokomis	71.00

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MISSIONARIES' SALARIES

Lake Lindsey	20.00
Riverside Park	479.37
Anona	47.00
Lakeside	200.00
Christ, St. Petersburg	66.00
Riverside	770.63

MISSIONARIES' WORK FUNDS

Lawtey	5.00
Spring Hill	500.00
Georgetown	7.25
Snyder Memorial	5.00
Grace, St. Augustine	25.00
College Heights	10.00
St. Paul's, Orlando	10.00
St. Paul's, Orlando	300.00
First, Winter Park	35.00
Dunedin	20.00
Floral City	125.00
Largo	150.00
Allendale	5.00
First, Sarasota	10.00
First, Sarasota	25.00
Chattahoochee	70.00
Delray Beach	50.00
Firs, Ocala	25.00
Groveland	13.00
Groveland	13.00
Groveland	18.00
Pine Castle	15.00
Belmont	168.00
Christ, St. Petersburg	176.00
Christ, St. Petersburg	200.00
Pasadena Community	1,000.00
Pasadena Community	500.00
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Perry	25.00
Eau Gallie	50.00
Calvary, Lake Worth	25.00
Calvary, Lake Worth	25.00
Evinston	25.00
Fernandina	40.00
Hendricks Memorial	100.00
Swaim Memorial	30.00
First, Bartow	83.00
Davenport	5.00
Kathleen	7.50
Coral Way	5.00
Ormond Beach	33.70
Oviedo	100.00
Oviedo	10.00
Pierson	50.00
Euclid	10.00
Avon Park	10.00
St. Paul's, Tallahassee	17.50
Oakland Park	50.00
Fernandina Beach	10.00
Springfield	15.00
Main Street	24.85
Grace, Miami	20.00
Apopka	50.00

First, Orlando	27.00
Wauchula	15.00
Hyde Park	100.00
Lake Wales	53.00
Lake Wales	200.00
Pine Castle	4.45
Wacahoota	8.00
Arlington	25.00
North Shore	20.60
Southside	600.00
Maccleddy	25.00
West Hollywood	20.00
South Miami	20.00
Cocoa	250.00
Oviedo	15.00
First, Winter Park	30.00
Zellwood	10.00
Dunedin	25.00
Tice	15.00
Oneco	50.00
Havana	25.00
Calvary, Lake Worth	25.00
Oakland Park	7.50
Florida Conference Gift	1,988.42
Anthony	10.00
Bellevue	25.00
Citra	5.00
St. Mark's, Ocala	93.00
Avondale	25.00
Ortega	75.00
Peeler Memorial	100.00
Peeler Memorial	25.00
Haines City	10.00
Kissimmee	25.00
Kissimmee	25.00
College Heights	5.00
Lake Alfred	24.00
Leesburg	5.00
Floral Park	50.00
Floral Park	70.00
Holleman Park	316.00
Trinity, Miami	25.00
First, Daytona Beach	100.00
First, Orlando	27.00
Goss Memorial	25.00
Goss Memorial	50.00
Sanford	85.00
Lealman	20.00
Wesley Memorial	65.00
Tarpon Springs	41.00
Arcadia	25.00
Bowling Green	10.00
First, Bradenton	100.00
First, Sarasota	34.50
Wauchula	15.00
Wauchula	20.00
Cork	10.00
Manhattan Ave.	97.00
Community	6.25
Calvary, Lake Worth	50.00
First, Melbourne	100.00
First, Vero Beach	300.00

NATIONAL PASTORS' SALARIES

Quincy	2,400.00
Goss Memorial	35.00

OTHER ADVANCE SPECIALS ABROAD

Epworth	10.00
Snyder Memorial	50.00
Beymer Memorial	20.00
Tarboux	15.00
First, Winter Park	200.00
First, Winter Park	50.00
Dunedin	15.00
Largo	75.00
Largo	25.00
Allendale	75.00
Avon Park	25.00
Chattahoochee	25.00
Chattahoochee	25.00
Lee	30.50
Lee	10.00
Ruskin	30.00
Sebastian	18.75
Orange Lake	1.50
Arlington	50.00
Glynlea	1.60
Glynlea	11.25
Groveland	13.00
Groveland	13.00
Fleming St.	62.62

Ground Breaking At Trinity, DeLand



Pictured above is the architect's drawing of the new Educational Building to be added to Trinity Church, DeLand. The wing pictured to the left is the new structure.

Formal ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Educational Building at Trinity Methodist Church, DeLand, were held several weeks ago.

Dr. Bruce F. Gannaway, District Superintendent of the Orlando District, delivered the sermon and participated in the ground-breaking ceremonies.

The breaking of ground for the new building came as the climax to a building program which began with the financial campaign in January, 1958. The new building will be a two-story, red brick

structure matching the gothic architecture of the existing buildings. It will house primarily the Children's and Youth Divisions of the church and will include the latest in modern conveniences, including air-conditioning. Included in the building program is the building of an entirely new kitchen for the church in the old building. Total cost of the building will approximate \$50,000.00.

J. Gamble Rogers of Winter Park is the architect. Trinity Church has a membership of 885 members. Robert M. Blackburn is the minister.

A Layman Looks At the Mission Field

The following is a letter written by Mr. D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville layman, while he and Mr. Tom Slade of Starke were visiting the Methodist Rural Center, Kidapawan, Cotabato, the Philippines, where the Rev. C. L. Spottswood is serving.—Editor.

Rev. Charles A. Thompson
Beymer Mem. Methodist Church
Winter Haven, Florida

Dear Bro. Thompson:

We have spent a wonderful time visiting with the Spottswoods at the Rural Center in Kidapawan. This is one of the rural towns located on the island of Mindanao. They have built a Rural Center here that consists of about 25 acres of land. The property abounds in coconut trees and banana trees. Also, they have a number of eatable fruit trees, including papaya, mango, avocados, and citrus. They have completed construction of the Branscomb Memorial Building which includes an auditorium, chapel, 5 classrooms, and a library. The building is situated high on a hill with a view of wonderful countryside with the background of mountains. It is simply outstanding. This is a very fine community and with this wonderful property, Spotty hopes to build a conference center, something like

our youth camp at Leesburg. The climate of Kidapawan is so nice and cool, being situated in the mountains some 1,500 ft. above sea level.

Rev. Spottswood and his wonderful wife, Mariam, are doing a marvelous job here. In the last 3 days we have visited a number of villages where a Methodist Church has been organized. When they came here in 1953, they found practically nothing but Catholics and Muslims. The Catholic church having worked here for 400 years, 80 per cent of the population of the Philippines is nominally Catholic. When Spotty came in 1953, there were only 2 Methodist churches, with a total of 300 members. In 6 short years the work has grown until there are now three districts, and they now have 43 organized churches, 16 M.Y.F. societies, and 19 societies of Women Society of Christian Service. Spotty says when he starts to organize work in a new community, he first gets the interest and friendship of the young people. He then sends in his mobile clinic with a doctor, a nurse, and a dentist and cares for the people's physical needs. After much prayer and work with the local people, he starts a regular Bible Study and prayer group, and these groups often grow into organized churches. He told me that this work was mostly done through in-

terested laymen and local preachers. I will never forget the light that came over Spotty's face when he declared to me . . . "It is simply marvelous to see what God has accomplished in such a short time with very little with which to work."

One of the great things he has done in this community has been accomplished with his Mobile Clinic. He has a jeep-station wagon fixed up and takes along a doctor, a graduate nurse, and a dentist. The outfit spends around two months in travel, to remote villages far from the highway, and then comes back again for a week or ten days and conducts the clinic here at Kidapawan.

It is a wonderful thing that God puts into the heart of brave Missionaries to leave their homes, friends, and loved ones, and come way out here on the opposite side of the globe, and live with strange people with strange customs and ideals. The Filipinos are fine people, and when they meet Christ, they become new creatures, wearing smiles on their faces. We enjoyed our stay here with the Spottswoods. They have five wonderful well-behaved boys. We felt right at home with these fine Christian people.

Very sincerely,
D. C. DAWKINS

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NEW EDITOR



Rev. Dr. Edward C. Peterson

The Rev. Dr. Edward C. Peterson, pastor of Clifton Methodist Church, Cincinnati, has been named editor of children's publications of the Editorial Division of the Methodist General Board of Education, succeeding Miss Mary Edna Lloyd, who is retiring.

The appointment, effective September 1, was announced by Methodist Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, and the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville, general secretary of the Methodist General Board of Education's Editorial Division.

Dr. Peterson will have his office at the Methodist Publishing House in Nashville.

Miss Lloyd has been on the staff of Methodist Church publications for 30 years and editor of children's publications since 1943.

New Congregation At Florida Gardens

Dr. Henry W. Blackburn, West Palm Beach District Superintendent, preached to some 60 persons at the first service at St. Luke's, a new congregation being organized in the Florida Gardens Community, Lake Worth. Twenty charter members attended this organizational meeting which was held in the Community Club house.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ira M. Owen have now arrived from New York and are giving leadership to the new congregation. Both Mr. and Mrs. Owen are ministers. Meanwhile, construction of a parsonage has begun on property given the new church by Mr. and Mrs. Karl Beachler.

M. Y. F. Corner

A choir of more than 40 MYFers replaced the Senior Choir at First Church, Eustis, during the summer months. Their rehearsals were a part of a three-hour program which was one of the highlights of each week. The program included worship, instruction, recreation and fellowship.

The Rev. Lee Paulk, Jr., associate pastor at Morrison Memorial, Leesburg, Miss Sally Galt and Miss Sydney Herlong represented the Leesburg church at the National Youth Convocation held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, last month.

Led by Mrs. Earl Hillman, educational assistant, 15 senior youth and several adults from the church at Dunedin spent a week at the Lake Junaluska cottage of Dr. and Mrs. Hoyt Tatum.

The Rev. Lawrence Larson has reactivated the MYF and organized a Youth Choir at Sebastian.

The Youth of the church took complete charge of all evening services at the Dunedin church this summer. The Youth Choir also furnished music for all of the morning services in August.

Three members of the M.Y.F. of Methodist Temple, Lakeland, who were graduated from high school this year, have been presented with Prayer books by the W.S.C.S. The Woman's Society also has provided five Bibles for the youth division of the Sunday school.

MYFers in Zephyrhills and Dade City joined in a "Christmas in July" party held in Zephyrhills. After a program and refreshments the group went carolling.

Four young people from College Heights, Lakeland, were delegates to the National Convocation of Methodist Youth held on the campus of Purdue University, Indiana.

Talks on "How to Choose a Mate," "How to Choose a Work," and "How to Choose a Religion" were given by members of the M.Y.F. of Trinity, Lakeland, when they took full charge of a Sunday evening service while the Rev. Owen C. Driskell was on vacation.

First Church, Bartow, was represented by two young people at the National Convocation of Methodist Youth at Purdue University in August.

BACK HOME



Rev. Koestline

The Rev. Karl Koestline, who served in the Florida Conference for 25 years, has reached the age of retirement and is now making his home in Clearwater. He transferred from the pastorate of First Church, Plant City, in 1943, to the Western North Carolina Conference and has served in that Conference for 15 years.

As previously reported, Mr. Koestline has been filling the pulpit at Palm Harbor during the absence of the pastor, the Rev. O. C. Howell, who has been touring in the Holy Land.

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Purely Personal

The Rev. and Mrs. Carl D. Shaffer, missionaries to Cuba, announce the arrival of a daughter, Elizabeth Joy, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, West Palm Beach, on July 17th. Her two brothers, Danny, 7, and Thomas, 4, joined in the welcome.

Mac L. Ricketts, a member of the Florida Conference, is serving as student pastor at Lovington, Ill., about 180 miles from Chicago. In October he will enroll at the University of Chicago to study for the degree Doctor of Philosophy in History of Religions.

Miss Anna E. Hill, for 15 years a member of the Methodist Church of New Port Richey, passed away June 25 at the Anna E. Hill Medical Center at Florida Southern College, Lakeland. Miss Hill, a retired school teacher, had willed her body to the University of Florida Medical School and her eyes to the New York Eye Bank for Sight Restoration.

John and Lucy Whitehead report that a new "parsonage director" reported for work at their parsonage on July 30, 1959. The Whitehead's of Vero Beach have named their newcomer Marilyn Ruth and observe that her vital statistics at birth were: 5 lbs-10 oz, 18 inches long.

Mr. Grant Pulen, minister of music at First Church, Ocala, for the past 7 years, will join the staff of First Church, St. Petersburg, on September 1st succeeding Dr. Earl Evans who recently announced his retirement.

The Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Peterson of Honokaa, Hawaii, are announcing the birth of a daughter, Julie Marie.

Miss Maruja Olmo, missionary in Manicaragua, Cuba, supported chiefly by Hyde Park church, Tampa, is recovering from an unexpected but successful operation.

Dr. John Van der Waal, professor of philosophy and religion at Bethune-Cookman College, preached at Community Church, Daytona Beach, during the 5-week absence of Dr. S. Paris Bell because of an acute gastronomical upset.

Mr. Jimmy Sowder, an active layman of Asbury church, Bartow, was a member of a panel which discussed the need for more trained lay preachers in the Methodist church at the recent juris-

Building Dedicated

The Rev. Jesse E. Waller, at that time Orlando District Superintendent, and the pastor, the Rev. Robert D. Knight, officiated at



dedication ceremonies for the recently completed educational building at Lockhart shortly before the last session of the Annual Conference.

The building is valued at \$35,000 and includes 12 classrooms, a fellowship hall, kitchen and 4 rest rooms.

The Rev. M. McCoy Gibbs has led in a successful financial campaign and the Lockhart congregation now plans to erect a new sanctuary in front of this building.



dictional laymen's conference at Lake Junaluska.

Dr. J. W. Blake, pastor at Seminole Heights, Tampa, is making a good recovery following surgery at Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, last month.

Dr. George Foster, president of the Conference Board of Educa-

tion, spoke to the Atlantic Coastal Training Conference at Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, last month. This was the training school for the Atlanta Area of the Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church.

Don and Joyce DeBevoise announce the birth of their third son, Daniel Merle, July 8. Don is associate pastor of Allendale church, St. Petersburg.

The Rev. and Mrs. Carl D. Shaffer, missionaries to Cuba in charge of the Circuit of Santiago de las Vegas, are now in the States on furlough and will be attending the Boston University Graduate School.

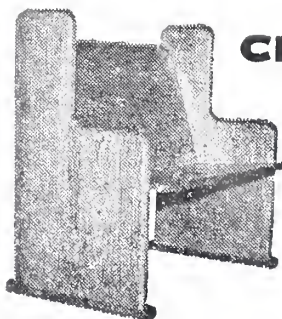
The Rev. and Mrs. Wai Yin Sin of Singapore, who are teaching this summer at the Youth Camp, Leesburg, were guests at Hyde Park, Tampa, July 26.

The Rev. Ernest A. Miller, retired minister who has served several Florida churches in recent years, is now living at the Ormond Retirement Hotel, Ormond Beach, and continues to occupy pulpits from time to time.

The Rev. Herb Bowdoin, Conference Evangelist, is now in meetings at Highland Avenue, Tampa, following a busy summer. His address is Box 2414, Lakeland.

The Victory Class of Highland Avenue Sunday School, Tampa, took part of their class time to make a surprise visit at the home of the only living charter member of the church, 88-year-old Mrs. Margaret Hill, on her birthday, July 12.

Hal Levy, Douglas Holden, and James Gronquist are 3 members of Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale, preparing for the ministry. Mr. Levy is enrolled in Union Theological Seminary in New York City, Mr. Holden is a Senior in Duke Divinity School and Mr. Gronquist will be a Sophomore at the University of Florida.



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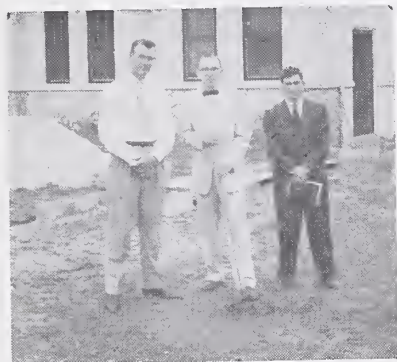
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Ground Breaking At Gainesville

Ground was broken recently at the Wesley Community Church, Gainesville, in a building program



that will provide a new parsonage and additional Sunday School space. Taking part in the ceremonies were, left to right, Mr. Buford Secht, Church School Superintendent; Mr. George Yates, Chairman of the Official Board; and the Rev. Gene Zimmerman, pastor.

The cost of the buildings will be about \$38,000 which is already in hand. The parsonage is probably completed and occupied at this time.

Good Shepherd, 400 A.D.

A thousand years before Leonardo da Vinci painted his famous "Last Supper," artists in Ravenna in Northern Italy cemented thousands of pieces of glass and marble into the walls of their churches to make beautiful mosaics. One of these, "Christ the Good Shepherd," is reproduced in full color on the cover of the September-October issue of THE UPPER ROOM, daily devotional guide.

Since the mosaic was completed about 450 A.D., thousands of people have entered the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia to see it, but Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of THE UPPER ROOM, believes more people will see it this fall than in its previous 1500 years of existence. This same illustration is being used on all the editions of THE UPPER ROOM, which is available in 37 editions and 30 languages around the world. Total circulation of approximately 3¼ million copies results in an estimated readership of 10,000,000 people.

The picture is a symbolic representation of Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. This figure, used by the Savior as a parable to express the purpose of His mission, had become a favorite with early Christians, according to Dr. Potts.

GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

Tampa Methodist churches are cooperating with the Tampa Ministers Association in a campaign to pass an ordinance at the city election Sept. 8 to prohibit the sale of intoxicating beverages on Sundays.

For several years First Church, Lake Wales, has conducted a 5 day a week kindergarten and has maintained a 2 day a week program of extended sessions for 4-year olds. Now, a 1 day a week session for 3-year olds will be added. All of which is under the supervision of the Commission on Education.

The ministers of the Gainesville District have pledged \$120 per month for the support of native mission pastors as their own Mission Advance Special this year. This support will go in the form of \$30 per month for 4 native pastors as the expression of the District pastors' appreciation of the sacrificial service of their native brethren in the field.

The Commission on missions of College Heights church, Lakeland, has raised \$576.00 to purchase a house in which Christian friends of Ilok, Yugoslavia can meet for worship services which they are not permitted to hold in private homes. The original goal was \$550.00 and, the additional funds will be used for equipment.

The Official Board of First Church, Lake Wales, has subscribed to THE FLORIDA METHODIST 100% this year.

First church, Dade City, has an interesting bulletin board in the Narthex, covered with church bulletins from many sections of the country mailed in by vacationing members.

Charging one cent per inch of waist measure, the WSCS of Christ church, Tampa, raised more than \$17 at a "measuring party" recently. Games and refreshments added to the fun.

The Young Adult Class of Community, Daytona Beach, sponsored a watermelon feast in the church dining room on July 31, entertaining the crowd with a European travelogue. Especially invited were several hundred local folks planning a conducted tour to Europe in September.

Eye-glasses to be sent to India are being collected by Trinity

Memorial Annex Dedicated August 2nd

Tallahassee District Superintendent Dr. Shuler Peele led the Rev. W. L. Windsor and the peo-



ple of the Branford Church in the dedication of the \$10,000 C. Howell Fletcher Memorial Annex on the first Sunday in August.

Work was begun on the building in September, 1958, and was carried on by Mr. E. R. Witherell and the pastor until it was completed.

The Rev. Harry Middlebrooks of Williston, a former pastor at Branford and a great friend of the Fletcher family, also participated in the ceremonies and unveiled the memorial plaque on the wall of the building.

church, Tampa. The collection is sponsored by the W.S.C.S.

First church, Lake Wales, enrolled some 230 children and youth and put 70 adults to work as their leaders in a successful Vacation Church School and a Youth Week this summer.

Ruskin church is sponsoring an "instrument group" to meet each week. Members are required to have had at least one year of instruction on a band instrument.

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MRS. J. D. MURRAY

Mrs. Sarah Ellen Murray, wife of the Rev. J. D. Murray of Titusville, passed away on a recent Sunday morning while teaching a Sunday School class in the First Methodist Church of Titusville.



Mrs. Murray had suffered several heart attacks and had an especially serious one in February 1958. Soon after that she wrote her own obituary from which we quote in part:

"Sarah Ellen Murray (nee Brown) was born June 4, 1891... north of Columbus, Georgia... On December 24, 1911, she was married to the Rev. James D. Murray... and they took their honeymoon down through South Georgia and on to Waukeenhah, Florida... this being her husband's first appointment in the Florida Conference... She worked hand-in-hand with her husband until his retirement (from the Floral Park Church, Miami) in June, 1953, after which her service became quite limited on account of ill health.

"The chief purpose in her life was to be a Christian example in training their children and trying to show others the beauty of the Christian life when lived day by day."

Besides her husband, Mrs. Murray is survived by 3 children: Mrs. T. J. Morgan and Mr. William Murray of Orlando, and Mrs. Gilbert Carver of Cocoa. There are also grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the First Methodist Church of Titusville with the pastor, the Rev. L. B. Blackwell, officiating.

Branscomb Memorial At Lake Junaluska

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C.—A new \$15,000 crafts and arts center is to be built here at the Methodist Summer Assembly and named for the late Bishop John Branscomb of Jacksonville, Fla.

The building project was voted by the assembly trustees at their annual meeting August 8. It will be located near the Junaluska Apartments and ready for use next summer.

At a memorial service here August 9 for Bishop Branscomb, Methodists from 18 states contributed \$4,560 to the center. Previous contributions of \$4,057 make a total of \$8,617 subscribed to the building fund.

Men at Work

The Methodist Men of Wesley Community, Gainesville, are giving a scholarship to the Candler School of Theology this year.

The Methodist Men of First church, Bartow, served supper for the Intermediate M.Y.F. on a recent Sunday night.

Methodist Men of Manhattan Avenue church, Tampa, met recently at MacDill Air Force Base. They made a tour of the base, had a steak dinner at the mess hall, and heard an address by Chaplain Billingsworth.

The Rev. Fred Martin of First Church, Gainesville, spoke on Mission Work in Japan and showed films taken on his trip to that country, at a recent meeting of the Methodist Men of College Heights Church, Lakeland.

The Methodist Men of Morrison Memorial, Leesburg, entertained members and friends of the church with an outdoor chicken barbecue at their August meeting.

DR. WIGGINS PASSES

Dr. Robert L. Wiggins, Jr., who was connected with Wesleyan College for more than 20 years, died in Chapel Hill, N. C., on August 3.

Memorial services were held in Chapel Hill with only members of the immediate family present.

Dr. Wiggins came to Wesleyan in 1928 as Dean and Head of the English Department. He was instrumental in establishing the department of United States Language and Literature, and later served as Associate Professor.

An honor graduate of Emory University, Dr. Wiggins received his M.A. degree from Vanderbilt and his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. He was widely known as an accomplished speaker and was considered an authority on Joel Chandler Harris.

Following his retirement from the faculty in 1950, Dr. Wiggins and his wife, the former Miss Gertrude Holland, traveled throughout the state of Florida representing Wesleyan. Before coming to Wesleyan, he had taught at University of Texas, Wofford College, Birmingham-Southern, and Randolph Macon College for Men.

Dr. Wiggins, who was 75 at the time of his death, is survived by his wife, a daughter Mrs. John T. Kernodle, of Durham, N. C., and a son Robert S. Wiggins of Atlanta.

Goes to New Post

FORT MONROE, Va., August 12—Chaplain (Major) James V. Harvester, a member of the Florida Conference



Harvester

and a former pastor at San Marcos, Tampa, has reported for duty at Headquarters, United States Continental Army Command. He has been named Chief of the Administrative, Programs and eBudget Division of the Chaplain Section, USCONARC. USCONARC is responsible for the ground defense of the United States, for combat developments, and all Army training in the U.S., including the active Army, Army Reserves, Army National Guard and the ROTC.

Chaplain Harvester attended local schools in Tampa, Florida. He was graduated from Florida Southern College in 1947 and Emory University in 1949. Prior to reporting to Fort Monroe for duty Chaplain Harvester received his Master of Arts Degree from George Washington University.

BUILDINGS and IMPROVEMENTS

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Stinson and family have just moved into the lovely new parsonage of St. Paul's Church, Eau Gallie. It is one of the ten new parsonages built in the West Palm Beach District last year.

The building committee of First church, Clermont, is working on Master Plan for use of an entire block with new units of the church plant to be constructed as need arises. More than \$20,000 was contributed to the building fund in a period of four months, the Rev. H. T. Heitzenrater reports.

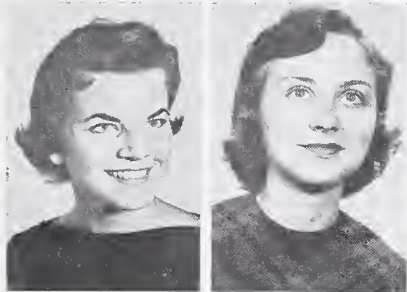
The men of the church are giving volunteer labor each evening and the women are providing dinner as work goes forward on the new social hall and educational building at Community Church, Ft. Pierce.

Dean Parmalee, Miami architect, has been employed to draw up plans for an addition to the educational wing at First Church, Lake Wales. Dr. Laurie G. Ray, a former pastor, will lead a campaign for funds in October. The addition is expected to cost more than \$100,000.

Florida Girls To Mission Fields

Miss Sandra Hancock of Punta Gorda and Miss Effie Lou Hopper of Coral Gables are 2 of 31 young men and women who will leave the United States this fall to begin 3 years of missionary service overseas for the Methodist Church.

Miss Hancock, daughter of Mr.



Miss Hopper Miss Hancock

and Mrs. W. S. Hancock, will go to Pakistan to teach music and physical education.

Miss Hopper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle C. Hopper, will go to Cuba to teach English and do work in the field of Christian education.

The group of 31 constitute the 1959 "Fellowship of Christian Service," the special-term overseas missionaries of the Methodist Board of Missions. They represent 18 states from Massachusetts to Washington and will be going to 18 countries of Africa, Asia and South America.

For six weeks this summer, the group took intensive training for their missionary vocation at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. They studied the Bible, basic Christian beliefs, and the language and culture of the countries to which they will be going. The 17 women will serve under the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the mission board and the 14 men under the board's Division of World Missions.

Born in Bradenton, Fla., Miss Hancock spent her early life there and in Punta Gorda and attended the Charlotte County High School in Punta Gorda. She studied four years at Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., and was graduated in 1958 with a bachelor of arts degree in music education. While in college, she was a member of the Girls' Chorus and the Methodist Student Movement, national organization for Methodist college students.

During the 1958-59 school years, Miss Hancock taught music at the Parkway Junior High School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She is a member of the First Methodist Church in Fort Lauderdale.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Miss

Bishop Watkins to Retire

Bishop William T. Watkins of the Louisville (Ky.) Area will retire on October 15, and three bishops will assume his responsibilities until next July. The 64-year-old bishop, who has been head of the church's work in Kentucky and West Tennessee since 1944, announced his decision August 6. He said his health and the fact that he is facing the most strenuous 12 months of his 21-year career as a bishop brought about his decision to retire. He suffers from a coronary condition, and doctors feel that the burden of serving three annual conferences, which include more than 1,600 churches with about 300,000 Methodists, makes retirement the safest and wisest alternative.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Charlotte, N. C., president of the College of Bishops of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdiction, said the college had assigned Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss., to the Memphis Methodist Conference, and Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, to the Louisville Methodist Conference. Bishop Harmon will supervise the work of the Kentucky Methodist Conference. The three will continue as heads of their present episcopal areas.

A successor to the 64-year-old Louisville bishop's post will be elected and assigned next July at the church's Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Bishops Harmon, Franklin, and Short will assume responsibility for Bishop Watkins' three conferences October 16.

Hopper spent her early life there and in Florida. She attended the Miami Senior High School and studied four years at Florida Southern College at Lakeland, where she was graduated last June with a bachelor of arts degree in English.

While in college, Miss Hopper was president of Cap and Gown, women's honorary sorority; and of Sigma Rho Epsilon, religious education fraternity; secretary-treasurer of Sigma Tau Delta, honorary English fraternity, and of the campus branch of the Methodist Student Movement (national organization for Methodist college students).

Want to Be a Page?

All persons interested in serving as ushers or pages during the 1960 General Conference, meeting in Denver, Colo., April 27-May 11, should contact the Rev. Dr. Walter G. Williams, Iliff School of Theology, 2201 South University Blvd., Denver 10, Colo.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK

At a recent Youth Activities Week the MYF at Calvary, Lake Worth, raised funds which they used to present a new Communion set to St. Luke's, the new congregation in Florida Gardens.

The Intermediates studied "What It Means to Be a Christian"; the Seniors talked about "Will Religion Make Me a Square?" and the Older Youth Fellowship discussed "The Beliefs of a Methodist Christian" in the Youth Activities Week at First Church, Sarasota. The Intermediates later attended the opening session of the Youth Week at Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven.

A series of inspiration talks by the pastor, the Rev. Ernest B. Coffee, was a feature of the Youth week at Cross City which enrolled 55 young persons.

Youth Activities Week at Dunedin attracted a nightly attendance of from 50 to 60 youth plus the adult workers.

The Rev. Gary Demarest, a national secretary of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was the guest speaker and inspirational leader for Youth Week at First Church, Ft. Pierce.

The Rev. Ed Dinkins, Frostproof; the Rev. R. E. Ackenhusen, Plant City; the Rev. Bob Bledsoe, Haines City; the Rev. George Harper, Bartow; and Lakeland District Superintendent R. A. Alley were guest ministers and discussion leaders for Youth Week at First Church, Lakeland. The pastor, Dr. Clare M. Cotton, brought the inspirational messages.

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Revised Edition of Loyalty Dinner Kit Now Available In Printed Form

"The Loyalty Dinner Plan of Underwriting a Local Church Budget," written in 1940 by Dr. Laurie G. Ray when he was serving Lakeland's College Heights Methodist Church, has now been revised and enlarged.

Shortly after its first use, at the request of laymen of the Lakeland District Conference, Dr. Ray prepared a 24-page mimeographed folder with instructions and materials.

One pastor told another of his success with the Plan until at present more than a thousand Churches are underwriting their budget by this pleasant method.

Now Dr. Ray has again answered numerous requests for a revision and enlargement of the Plan. The new edition is printed in offset vari-type on sixty pound book paper, with Pyro covers, punched sheets, and plastic binding. It contains fifty pages, which means it is about three times the size of the original Kit.

While the new Kit retains the basic idea which has proven so successful, there are many revisions, additions and improvements. These have been based

upon countless helpful suggestions by pastors using the plan, and upon Dr. Ray's experience in conducting 181 major building campaigns. The Plan, Dr. Ray states, is "not an ivory tower production, but comes hot from the arena."

While the Kit is designed specifically to underwrite local church operational budgets, it has also been used successfully in small Building fund campaigns. When so used, Dr. Ray recommends, the amount sought should not be more than the annual budget, with payments spread over two years. If a larger amount is needed, then he counsels securing competent outside assistance in building fund efforts.

The new Kit contains the all-important "Lead-Off Gifts Committee approach," which was entirely lacking in the original production. Other improvements are: table of contents, longer and more detailed time schedule, two sets of letters, more explicit directions, color slides method of presenting the budget, permanent format, etc.

Dr. Ray says: "The Plan has won the warm acclaim of pastors of various denominations, sizes, and shapes serving in Churches varying in membership from 100

to 3500. Any pastor who can read and will work according to directions, can get the answer to his local budget needs by this means. Few Churches, even small ones, increase their income as little as \$1,000.00 per year by use of this plan, and some have doubled budgets."

Some five years ago Dr. Ray gave free permission to our Cuban Mission Churches to translate the plan into Spanish. Dr. David White, vice rector of our seminary at Matanzas, Cuba, wrote: "It is ideal for the Latin American temperament . . . It is spreading through the island with considerable results, and to the Dominican Republic. We certainly appreciate your generosity in letting us use this material."

Dr. Ray is beginning his ninth year at the Hyde Park Methodist Church of Tampa. During these years the budget has increased from \$33,000.00 to \$63,000.00 by use of this plan, and in addition the church has completed and paid for some \$350,000.00 in building and capital improvements.

The new Kit may be had by addressing Dr. Laurie G. Ray at Post Office Box 1247, Tampa, Florida. The price is twenty-five dollars. See advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

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This is the Bishop John W. Branscomb Memorial Chapel recently completed at the Methodist Rural Center, directed by the Rev. C. L. (Spotty) Spottswood, in the Philippines. See story on page 15

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So Methodists Say . . .

"The greatest enemy of education around the world is the popular doctrine of salvation by knowledge. What we need is salvation by faith."—The Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith, New York.

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"Compassion is a mixture of joy plus sorrow—joy for the possibilities of good in people, and sorrow for their confusion, weakness, cruelty, and lack of love toward one another and toward God."—The Rev. Dr. Peter Gordon White, Toronto.

On a Wide Circuit

By W. W. REID

"WE CAN DO A LOT IN SIX MONTHS!"

A few years ago there appeared a rash of articles on some variation of the theme: "If I had only one (more) sermon to preach..." And the suggested sermon topics—many of them actually preached—were as numerous as the persons who answered. I presume the theme had real value. It made many persons consider the essence, or goal of their preaching and their Christian faith.

The theme suggests a number of related questions. Some must be in your mind. These concern me at the moment: If you had a man in your church for only one year, what do you think he should learn there (through you and in the fellowship of the parish) in that time? Suppose you were a minister and were to serve a church for three years. What would you try to do with and for the congregation in that period?

Your church school may "have" a child for only six years. If the church never has him after that, what should he have learned in those six years? And how should it have influenced his life? As an adult you worship with the congregation but most of the Christian orientation (or bias, in the best sense of the word) and new ideas and ideals you acquire there come via the sermon. What do you think you should learn in a year? in three years? . . . in one preacher's ministry?

Some years ago in a remote

mountain parish I observed a summer school held in two weeks in the town church. There were boys and girls there to whom those two weeks of school provided all the religious training they would receive in their whole life. I wondered what I would teach those boys and girls were this my school.

Certainly I would want to introduce them to Christ, to tell them of his coming and purpose and what he had to say about God. I doubt if I would have enough time to portray the life of Moses, or to enumerate the livestock that must have made the Ark a strange hotel. Rather I would want to have my charges know something of the Christian virtues—something that would help shape their decisions in the long years when snows and labor blocked their road to church.

I believe I note a tendency today—especially among the younger men coming out of the seminaries—to take a "long view" of all their parish work. They like to plan their emphases over a long period of time. There may still be some preachers who wait until Saturday afternoon and then ask themselves, "What will I preach on tomorrow?" But they are, in my acquaintance, fewer than they used to be.

They now have sermon plans, outlined often for a whole year in advance. Current needs and calendar observances may seem like an interruption of the program, but the long-range unity and purpose are there. The individual

Important Notice

Just one little comma purposely inserted by a well-meaning, but mistaken, type setter caused a major error in the advertisement which appeared on the back page of our last issue.

In listing the contents of the new LOY-ALTY DINNER PLAN KIT now being offered by Dr. Laurie G. Ray of Tampa, this comma makes it appear that the Kit contained colored slides. This is in error. What the Kit does contain is full instructions for using colored slides in presenting the budget, and the advertisement should have read "color slides method of presenting budget." In other words, the Kit tells the type of color slides to take—mostly local personnel—and how to use them effectively at the dinner. We, along with Dr. Ray, are anxious that no potential user be misled at this point.

Dr. Ray's original Kit has been used with great success in more than 1900 churches. This new Kit is a complete revision of the original and it has been greatly enlarged as suggestions that have grown out actual experience have been added. The new Kit sells for \$25.00 and may be ordered from Dr. Laurie G. Ray, Box 1247, Tampa, Florida.

sermon, too, has become more organized along the traditional pattern of the school-lesson (which, indeed, it should be). The preacher is conscious of: (1) What is the aim? (2) With what does it "tie back" in the hearer's mind? (Usually an earlier lesson.) and (3) What is the new material to be presented?

Care in planning ought to go into a year's (or a life's) sermonizing. It would seem reasonable to expect that the same care should go into the program in the work of the church school. It ought to go into evangelizing in the community and into developing the missionary outlook and outreach of the parish.

In a word, the local church's program should not be "just going round and round," but going somewhere. The fathers called it "going on to perfection." Perhaps all we expect is that we shall be growing toward the Christian ideal.

I remember hearing Bishop Francis J. McConnell relate how, when he was in Pittsburgh, a doctor examined him and declared he had only six months to live. (Actually he lived 35 years after that!) The bishop returned dejectedly to his office, and told his very matter-of-fact secretary what the doctor had said. She looked at him for a moment, and in an undisturbed tone remarked, "Well, we can do a lot in six months!"

Yes, a lot can be done in a church in six months—or in six years—if there is a plan.

A Look Ahead to General Conference

The Methodist Church is restless about its social concerns, and the most important of these, the integration issue, is sure to be in the foreground at the 1960 General Conference, according to a preview in September's **NEW CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE**.

In a special report in this number of **NCA**, the editor presents some of the issues that will come under consideration at the sixth General Conference, of reunited Methodism in Denver, Colo., April 27, 1960. The article reports that most of the issues to be confronted during the 14-day session will be organizational, but some will be liturgical and others theological.

"As it looks now, the Conference will give most attention to perfecting our church government," it states. "We are also maturing our forms of worship, not only insisting that things be done 'decently and in order' but with significant beauty."

The church is groping after theological certainty, the article goes on, and the important social concerns include world peace, alcohol, social and economic relations, health and welfare, and of course, the integration of the races.

The Commission to Study the Jurisdictional System will undoubtedly make suggestions to speed up the integration process, but it is doubtful that the commission will recommend abolition of the Central Jurisdiction. The article points out that the mandate of the commission from the 1956 General Conference was larger than just the race issue, embracing the whole jurisdictional plan.

In that connection, the main debate has had to do with the question of whether a bishop is primarily a jurisdictional officer, tied to the interests of his region, or a general superintendent, answerable to somebody in the General Conference and serving the church as a whole. The general trend of discussion, says **NCA**, is definitely in the direction of linking the bishops closer with the General Conference.

Although there has been no overall survey study in this quadrennium, several church agencies have been surveying their own activities and procedures. The report states that efforts to cut down the amount of promotional literature, including publications of the boards, have not been too successful, partly because of the need for funds.

In addition, the Co-ordinating Council has been studying plans for more effective and efficient work. According to the article, it is almost sure to recommend uni-

fication of the Board of Temperance, the Board of World Peace, and the Board of Social Relations.

There is general consensus that Methodism has slipped in its social interests, and a recent study of the development of the agencies dealing with the church's concern for society is being compiled. This information will be submitted by the Board of Social and Economic Relations to the General Conference, including historical developments before 1908, achievements since then, theological aspects of American Methodism, and a strategy for Methodist social leadership, education and action.

The special report says that recent General Conferences have been preoccupied with American affairs in which overseas delegates have little interest or concern. Observers are predicting that, if the General Conference mends its ways, "paternalism will fade, imperialism will vanish away, and Methodism will see its responsibilities as a world church, not an American church with world-wide appendages."

The article points out that the quadrennial emphasis for 1960-64 has not been announced, but says it will probably center around Methodism's message, its ministry, its family life, its citizenship and its relationship to the Christian world community.

"There will be a continuing emphasis on church extension, with some definite help through various loan funds," the report predicts. "Further emphasis on the church and the home, the rehabilitation of alcoholics, and education are likely."

New Parsonage at Dunedin

The Rev. John B. Gills, Jr., and family moved into a new parsonage on July 27. Mr. Gill was appointed to the church at Dunedin in June.

Recently purchased by the Dunedin church, the new parsonage is situated on an attractive corner lot and is valued at approximately \$21,000. It is of concrete block construction and has terrazzo floors. There are 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a large living room, a dining room, a kitchen, screened porch, 2-car garage and a utility room.

Minister Is Cited

Three Methodists are included in the six ministers cited as "the outstanding representatives of the contemporary Protestant pulpit" in a recent article in **The Christian Century**, an undenomina-

tional weekly.

The tribute was paid by Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, former editor of the magazine.

The three Methodists cited are:



Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of Christ Methodist Church, New York City; Dr. Harold Bosley of the First Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill., and **Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton of the Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.**

The other three: Dr. George A. Buttrick, preacher to Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; Dr. Robert J. McCracken of Riverside Church (Congregationalist-Baptist), New York City, and Dr. Edward L. R. Elson of the National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C.

In his article, Dr. Morrison didn't go so far as to call them the greatest preachers—"no one should presume to do that," he said—but in his judgment, they deserve to be considered "examples of the topmost representatives of the American pulpit."

He said that "No doubt other worthy names could be added, but none more worthy."

Hawaii Elects Methodist

The first person to represent the new state of Hawaii in the U. S. House of Representatives is an active Methodist layman. Daniel K. Inouye, young Japanese-American lawyer, is a member of Harris Memorial Methodist Church in Honolulu. He is a Methodist representative on the Honolulu Council of Churches and a trustee and attorney for the Hawaii-Pacific Homes, a Methodist retirement community for the aged. He will be the first American of Japanese descent to sit in Congress.

SERVING IN NOME, ALASKA



The Rev. and Mrs. Gerald McCray and family

Here is a late picture of the Gerald McCrays who are now serving the Community Methodist Church in Nome, Alaska, the furthest Northwest Methodist Church in America, located 135 miles east of the International Date Line. The following are some paragraphs written by Mr. McCray to his friends in the States on July 4th:

"Our annual report showed that God had blessed us with 79 new members, and since December 20 our local church raised \$6,000 in cash and \$20,000 in pledges for a new church. The vacation church school had a record membership of 165 in June. During these two weeks my wife and I taught a class in the morning and one in the evening.

"On the following Monday after the vacation church school was over I went with some Eskimos hunting for walrus and seal. We went forty miles out in the Bering Sea and I got one walrus that was around 1400 pounds and one fur seal. My share of the meat went to the Eskimo members in the church.

"Our District Superintendent encouraged us to go to Anchorage to see a specialist about my wife's arm that had a serious break. The National Mission Board made it possible to fly to Anchorage where my wife received treatment at the Alaska Crippled Children's Center for two weeks. Medical care was also given to us in Nome by the W.D.C.S. of the Methodist church.

"The Methodist Church at Nome, which was built in 1902, is to be replaced by a new building beside the parsonage. The architect estimated the cost at

\$150,000 to \$200,000. The foundation must consist of piles deep in the ground to prevent the building from shifting in the permafrost. All materials will have to be ordered on the last boat of this summer in order to begin work next spring because the first boat does not arrive until July and snow falls in September.

"Today we are celebrating one of the most outstanding '4th. of July' programs ever witnessed in Nome with the exception of last July when we were voted the 49th. state. The Eskimo dances, blanket toss and the raising of the new 49th. star flag will be the things I will be watching. It is good to know that the Methodist Church has helped create good Christians and citizens of our nation.

"Our temperature today is around 45 above which was warmer than our 40 yesterday. Sunrise was at 1:34 a. m., sunset will be at 10:35 p. m."

My Neighbors



"Isn't that sweet...he likes you! "

Homecoming at Seffner

Dr. R. L. Allen, Tampa District Superintendent, officiated at the laying of a corner-stone and joined the pastor, the Rev. R. B. Gass, in leading a service of dedication when the congregation of the Spencer Memorial Church, Seffner, worshiped for the first time in the new church building on Home Coming Sunday, August 30. It took a great deal of sacrificial giving on the part of this people to be able to dedicate the building at this time but it was accomplished and the first step of an ambitious building program thus was completed.

Ila Rice Sapp Recreation Building Is Dedicated

The beautiful new Ila Rice Sapp Recreation Building at the Florida Methodist Youth Camp, Leesburg, was dedicated on the afternoon of August 18th. Dr. George A. Foster, chairman of the Conference Board of Education and pastor of Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale, was the speaker and a large number of MYFers attending the Third Senior Youth Assembly shared in the service.

This fine addition to the camp was given by Mr. J. Hilbert Sapp, of Orlando, in memory of his mother, Ila Rice Sapp. The building is 72' by 109' and has been in use all summer. It has provided greatly needed play and meeting facilities at the Camp and it serves as headquarters for the North Camp during the Intermediate Christian Adventure Camp program.

Concerning Mr. Sapp and this fine gift, the Board of Education writes: "Mr. Sapp has shown a keen interest in our youth camp from the very beginning of construction in 1948. He and Mrs. Sapp gave one of the first cabins to be built and later they presented to our Florida Methodist youth the very lovely Graham-Sapp Youth Chapel. Mr. Sapp was instrumental in working with the Laymen's Conference to double the camp facilities when we were turning away applicants by the hundreds. And now comes this wonderful gift, answering a great need and bringing our camp nearer completion. The MYFers of Florida join our youth leaders and the Board of Education in expressing our deepest heartfelt thanks to Mr. Sapp for his love and interest in youth, and our thanks to God for such a friend."

PURCHASE PROPERTY

Trustees of First church, Fort Meade, have voted to purchase property for future building. Three four-room sections of a new educational building soon will be under construction.

A MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Greetings—

Methodists from all parts of the United States and overseas have gathered on the campus of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, at the call of ten agencies of our church. From this first Methodist Conference on Human Relations, in the spirit of Christian fraternity we share this message.

I. THE BASIS OF OUR WITNESS

God is a universal, righteous, loving Father with all men standing equally before his judgment and mercy. Through Christ and His cross the nature of God and His love are revealed. Thus, for the Christian, the nature of the love he should manifest is defined by the nature of God. Jesus Christ took upon himself the sinfulness of all and offered salvation regardless of race or nationality. To raise discriminating barriers against any person is to deny the universality of God's concern. Prejudice against persons because of their race is rebellion against God as he is revealed in Christ.

In his own experience of the meaning of the cross the believer knows that he has received the love of God in spite of unworthiness and sin. In turn, he desires to relate himself to all other persons on the basis of this same love. Christian love makes imperative the elimination of the injustices and inhumanities associated with present day race relations. Full fellowship with the Father is impossible unless we accept this obligation of inclusive love for all men. Our decisions concerning race are thus basically related to our eternal salvation.

The Bible affirms that it is God's purpose to unite all men in Christ and the Church. The Bible speaks plainly to our modern racial tensions as to how men are to live together on this earth in obedience to the will of God. If one reads the Bible as a whole, it becomes unmistakably clear that God is seeking to heal the divisions in humanity caused by human sin and to bring all peoples of the earth into a community of the redeemed. The use of the Scriptures to defend any separation of brother from brother is a violation of both the meaning of the passage and the spirit of the whole of Scripture. In this blessed community human barriers of every sort are abolished or transcended. "In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith... There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ

This is the message which was adopted unanimously by the first Methodist Conference on Human Relations which was held at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, August 31-September 4. Bishop Roy H. Short was Chairman of the Message Committee.—Editor

Jesus." (Gal. 3:26-28)

The Church is the instrument of God's purposes. This is His Church. It is ours only as stewards under his Lordship. The requirements for its membership and the nature of its mission are set by God. The house of God must be open to the whole family of God. If we discriminate against any persons, we deny the essential nature of the Church as a fellowship in Christ. The Church



can scarcely speak the word of God if its actions deny the love of God.

The Church is uniquely able to work and witness in the world for the full realization of sonship and brotherhood in Christ. There is a united voice from all branches of the Christian Church. The Methodist Church has declared through its General conference:

"We believe that God is Father of all peoples and races, that Jesus Christ is his Son, that all men are brothers, and that man is of infinite worth as a child of God." (Social Creed)

"To discriminate against a person solely upon the basis of his race is both unfair and un-Christian. Every child of God is entitled to that place in society which he has won by his industry and character. To deny him that position of honor because of the accident of his birth is neither honest democracy nor good religion."

(The Methodist Church and Race)

"There must be no place in The Methodist Church for racial discrimination or enforced segregation." (The Methodist Church and Race)

II. THE CALL TO WITNESS

We rejoice that the movement of world events and the work of the Holy Spirit have produced a deeper stirring of conscience and concern so that there is in evidence all across our Church a sincere endeavor to deepen our obedience to our calling to true Christian brotherhood. There are manifestations that the Christian consciences of Methodists have been stimulated, and there is a growing expectancy of progress in human understanding.

We confess with sorrow that our practice has not always been faithful to the Scriptural teaching, the true nature of the Church, nor to our own pronouncements. This is particularly grievous since Methodism is a world church and since the problems of race relations are now set on a world stage.

We recognize that our immediate approach to the task may differ but the call of God is a single one to witness to the transforming power of love in all human relations. Although the principles set forth in this message are central in the Christian faith, there remain differences of opinion among Methodists as to the application of these principles.

We believe it is possible—even with the recognition of the different nature of our environments—to work together in many ways which the Holy Spirit will open to us, and suggest the following principles of action:

1. Let us re-examine all our attitudes toward other persons in the light of the teaching of Jesus and God's demonstrated love for us.

2. Let us seek to create within our Church, as within families, a climate of love and understanding wherein freedom of expression and study are encouraged, especially in areas of disagreement and tension.

3. Let us endeavor to know each other better across dividing lines by working together toward the solution of common problems, such as housing, education, employment, health, recreation, and juvenile delinquency.

As to the specific areas of concern of this conference—

Housing

As a church we should now begin a program of education and

action to bring about open occupancy. Restrictive housing on the basis of race violates Christian principles. The freedom to choose a home and a neighborhood should not be limited because of a person's race. The right to rent or purchase, however, is not enough. Community acceptance which creates a sense of belonging is in the spirit of Christ.

Education

In harmony with the Christian imperative the highest court in the land has spoken concerning policies in public education. Methodists, as law abiding citizens, are faced with the challenge and task of creatively meeting these imminent responsibilities. To this end we must establish, cultivate and maintain lines of communication within the local church and the general community. For this communication we need a new vocabulary. Beyond this we must encourage the translation of the Christian imperative and the legal decisions into practice.

Employment

The right to a fair and equal opportunity for all to earn an adequate livelihood is basic in a Christian democracy. Training in skills, employment and advancement must be based on individual merit without discrimination as to race, nationality, sex or creed. Without such fair practice of employment the nation and its productivity suffer the loss of vast resources of talent. In keeping with its historic concern for social justice the Church rejoices with labor and management in the progress made in all sections of the nation and pledges itself to a growing acceptance of its responsibility in this area of human relations.

Church

The church must continuously scrutinize its own life in the light of the gospel. Rather than reflect imperfect customs, the church should stand continuously ahead of our communities. Under the leadership of active Commissions on Christian Social Relations, local churches need to take more seriously the education of their own members in ways which link serious study and vital worship.

We need to discover new meaning for brotherhood in both the membership and organizational structure of the church. While current situations require differing next steps, our goal must be the full acceptance of any Christian into any local church. Our consciences are troubled that the Central Jurisdiction exemplifies segregation within The Methodist Church. We should replace it as rapidly as possible with a pattern of church organization consistent with Christian Brotherhood. One

of the greatest challenges to ecclesiastical statesmanship is the provision of creative alternatives. Methodist institutions and agencies should adopt the same brotherly practices we advocate for other agencies in the community.

The freedom of the responsible pulpit is a precious heritage. Tension is often a prelude to progress, and love is a sufficient solvent for controversy. Both local laymen and denominational leadership need to strengthen and sustain the ministry in its duty to proclaim the Gospel.

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We have experienced in the personal encounters afforded us during this conference a new quality of fellowship. We believe it is an essential technique to be used in all groups for the development of Christian understanding.

We believe God is leading The Methodist Church at this time toward new expressions of brotherhood, and we rejoice in it. To God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, we turn in gratitude and hope. In Him we find strength and guidance.

In humility we call all Methodists to join us in confession, in re-appraisal and in creative commitment to Christian expressions of love which make possible the full realization of sonship and brotherhood in Christ for all persons.

"He hath called us from darkness to light and committed to us the gospel of reconciliation." (II Corinthians 4:6 and 5:18.)

The YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By HOOVER RUPERT

ON KICKING PIGEONS

A while ago when I read that newspaper columnist Robert C. Ruark is annoyed by pigeons, I found an area of agreement with him—something I often fail to find. He reports that a pigeon "doesn't even know how to make a proper nest"; it is absolutely "the untidiest critter" he knows. He continues that the pigeon offspring "are the most repulsive looking monsters in the juvenile stage." As far as he is concerned, the pigeon is "arrogant, offensive, and good for nothing." Pigeons clutter the street and look offended if you disturb them. So, Mr. Ruark reported, he undertook to express his annoyance by kicking a pigeon. He says there is no satisfaction to that at all. "It

was like slugging a sponge."

Hardly a preacher I know but would utter a hearty "Amen" to this attitude toward the feathered critters who have taken the place of the proverbial church mice in our church buildings of concrete and steel and stone. During the last ten years in the two Michigan churches with which I have been associated, the perennial problem which confronts the trustees is simply: "What can we do about the pigeons?" When I left Jackson for Ann Arbor I assumed I could leave this church problem behind me. Don't you believe it! The evidences of pigeon inhabitants adorn the cloistered beauty of the court outside my office window, and call for the regular cleaning of the front entrance walks to the lovely sanctuary. But kicking the pigeons won't help much! In fact, we have tried about every method we have heard about except to station trusty trustees with rifles or beebee guns on the ramparts to watch for the feathered critters and send them to eternal rest! And that would be about as effective as trying to empty Lake Michigan with a tea-spoon.

But, I digress from my original reason for dragging the ecclesiastically minded church-home-seeking pigeons into this usually staid columnary effort. The phrase about the futility of kicking pigeons got me to thinking about the thousand and one petty annoyances which spring up along the way in every person's life. We may become so frustrated that we start kicking these pigeons of annoying trifles. Granted there may be certain psychological values attached to giving vent to our feelings by swinging out on these annoyances, is there not greater value attached to facing trivial irritations for what they are and dealing with them at the source? Some of them we just have to learn to live with—as for example, our old-fashioned parents who aren't hep to life in teendom, or our impossible teenagers who never seem to grow up, or society that imposes so many restrictions on our habits.

At the moment, I can't think of any irritation or annoyance which could not be better handled if we made use of the resources of our religious faith. I have even become a conscientious objector to kicking pigeons—on religious grounds that is!

RECOVER FROM INJURIES

The Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Davis of the West Madison Circuit are recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident last month. Mr. Davis suffered bruises in the wreck but Mrs. Davis was hospitalized in Madison.

CHINESE GENERAL AT JUNALUSKA



An eminent Chinese Methodist layman, Lt. Gen. J. L. Huang (center), poses with a group of young Methodist collegians who worked this summer at Lambuth Inn, Lake Junaluska, N. C., Methodist Assembly, where he was a bell hop in the summer of 1923 while a student at Vanderbilt University. Gen. Huang is chairman

of the board of trustees of Soochow University in Taipei, Formosa, a Methodist school. He was assured by Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., that Methodists of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, who pledged \$50,000 to Soochow University's building program at the 1956 Jurisdictional Conference, will meet their pledge "on time."

Catholic President Would Have Problems

A Roman Catholic president of the United States would have pressures put on him by his church that a Protestant or Jew would never know, Bishop Gerald Kennedy told a Los Angeles television audience recently.

The Methodist bishop said a Catholic president would face certain problems a Protestant would not face because of different beliefs.

For instance? a panelist asked. "For one thing the Catholic does not believe in the public school system. The Protestant does."

The core of the problem, Bishop Kennedy said, is that Vatican pronouncements are binding on American Catholics. "If they were not there would be no problem," he added.

Asked how Protestants could discuss the issue and not sound bigoted, Bishop Kennedy replied:

"We have to discuss issues, not individuals. We need to discuss Catholicism as a political philosophy and not as a religious faith. Catholicism claims to be a religion and a state. And if it's going to play it both ways then it has to be open to political criticism."

"The Roman Catholic and the Protestant each has to say his ul-

timate loyalty is to God. But the main difference is that Protestantism gives every man the right to make this decision, while Catholicism says the church has the right to define the individual's choices."

Bishop Kennedy said he thought Catholic political strength had grown to where Catholic candidates could count on solid support from Catholic voters.

And what does he view as the paramount issue in next year's

presidential race?

"I am afraid taxes, labor reform, defense, will be regarded as more important issues than church-state separation, public schools, and religious liberty," he said.

Secretary Comments On Nikita's Visit

During his U. S. visit, Mr. Khrushchev should be accorded "the respect due the top official of one of the two most powerful nations on earth," the Rev. Daniel E. Taylor, Chicago, general secretary of the Board of World Peace, believes. "Certainly our demeanor as a people should not be less honorable and courteous than Mr. Nixon received in the USSR, and which President Eisenhower may expect upon his reciprocal visit," he said. In commenting on the Khrushchev visit, Mr. Taylor also said, "Christians in America may utilize such occasions to show clearly the inner sources of their sturdier tolerance and basic good-will. The worthy host always displays himself more truly than his guest."

Dr. Earl Evans Retires

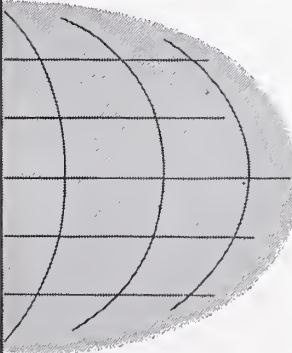
In 1941 Dr. Earl Evans became the Minister of Music at First Church, St. Petersburg, and has held that important post in that church for 18 years. Last May he announced his decision to retire as of September 1 and this long effective ministry came to a close on Sunday, August 30th. That day was designated as "Earl Evans Day" in the church and his host of friends joined together to present him with a gift as a token of love and appreciation.

Dr. and Mrs. Evans and Donna Sue will continue to live in St. Petersburg.

October 4, 1959

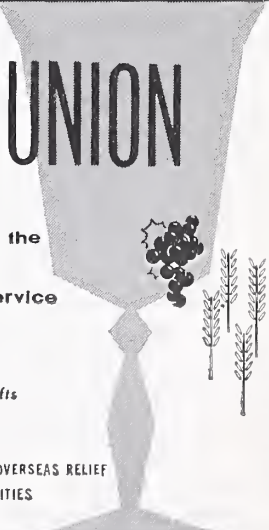
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COMMISSION ON CAMP ACTIVITIES
COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS



Methodism's Advance

A Record of the Giving of Methodists in the Florida Conference

I. World Mission Specials

A. CUBA

1. BISHOP'S PASTOR'S SALARY SUPPLEMENT FUND

Starke	\$50.00
Orlando: Reeves Memorial	100.00
Miami: Grace	95.01
Miami: Grace	284.77
Mount Dora	270.00
Tampa: Seminole Heights	100.00
Coral Gables: Wesley Memorial	100.00

2. BISHOP'S REPAIR FUND

3. BISHOP'S PIONEER FUND

4. BISHOP'S EMERGENCY FUND

Bartow: First	100.00
Lake Placid	5.00
Williston	50.00
Jacksonville: Southside Estates	25.00
Avon Park: M. E. Church	2.50
Coleman: Panasoffkee	10.00
Lakeland: Lakewood	35.00
Miami: Bryan Memorial	125.00
New Port Richey	100.00
Lake City	60.00

5. SEMINARY BUILDING FUND

Melbourne: First	55.00
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6. SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND (at \$600 Each)

Coral Gables: First	50.00
Daytona Beach: Community	50.00
Coral Gables: First	50.00
Orlando: First	100.00
Jacksonville: Wesley Memorial	100.00

7. PRE-SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Lakeland: College Heights	90.00
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8. CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE AND PUBLISHING FUND

9. AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

Palatka: St. James	100.00
Hickory Grove	8.68
Jacksonville: First	5.00

10. SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS

St. Augustine: First	60.00
Belle Glade	27.65
Dinsmore	150.00
Dinsmore	50.00
Daytona Beach: Community	50.00
Bradenton: First	60.00
Lakeland: First	100.00
Mount Dora	87.50
Jacksonville: Riverview	40.00
Daytona Beach: Community	50.00
Homestead: First	75.00
West Palm Beach: N. Northwood	250.00
Orlando: College Park	51.00

11. CUBAN MISSIONARIES' SALARIES

Coral Gables: First	450.00
Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial	100.00
Orlando: Broadway	200.00
Orlando: First	750.00
Coral Gables: First	80.00
Coral Gables: First	450.00
Coral Gables: First	80.00
St. Petersburg: First	250.00

12. CUBAN MISSIONARIES' WORK FUND

Jacksonville: Arlington	41.00
Coral Gables: First	40.00
Orlando: Broadway	25.00
Ormond Beach	50.00
Ft. Pierce: First	5.00
Starke	200.00
Fernandina Beach: Memorial	35.00
Orlando: Recvs Memorial	15.00

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FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Orlando: Reeves Memorial	55.00
St. Petersburg: Seminole	30.00
Brandon	15.00
Lockhart	9.96
Orlando: First	400.00
St. Petersburg: Seminole	30.00
Fernandina Beach: Memorial	30.00
Jacksonville: Avondale	100.00
Jacksonville: First	18.00
Jacksonville: First	20.00
Anona	5.00
Anona	5.00
Coral Gables: First	40.00
Coral Gables: First	67.00
Coral Gables: First	67.00
Orlando: First	22.00
Orlando: First	16.00
Orlando: First	50.00
St. Petersburg	60.00
Ft. Pierce: First	5.00

13. CUBAN NATIONAL PASTORS' SALARIES

Lakeland: First	100.00
Miami: Tarboux Memorial	90.00
Daytona Beach: Community	50.00
DeLand: First	100.00
Lakeland: First	100.00
Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial	100.00
Miami: Tarboux Memorial	90.00
DeLand: First	100.00
St. Petersburg: Grace	40.00
Tampa: Tampa Heights	120.00
Hialeah: First	75.00
Daytona Beach: Community	50.00
Orlando: College Park	100.00
Coral Gables: First	120.00
Miami: Rader Memorial	150.00
St. Petersburg: Northside	100.00
Coral Gables: First	80.00
Coral Gables: First	80.00
Coral Gables: First	120.00
Hialeah: First	50.00
St. Petersburg: Northside	100.00
Melbourne: First	100.00

14. CUBAN NATIONAL PASTORS' WORK FUND

St. Petersburg: Seminole	10.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	8.00
St. Petersburg: Seminole	30.00
Coral Gables: First	20.00
Coral Gables: First	67.00
Coral Gables: First	20.00
Coral Gables: First	67.00

15. OTHER ADVANCE SPECIALS TO CUBA

(Including Building Parsonages,
Chapels, Churches)

Dinsmore	23.00
Dinsmore	6.00
Jacksonville: Lakewood	25.00
Daytona Beach: Community	50.00
Bradenton: Manatee	5.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	4.00
Kissimmee	20.00
Kissimmee	21.00
Homeland Meth. Church	1,750.00
Miami: White Temple	250.00
Orlando: Reeves Mem.	20.00
Orlando: Reeves Mem.	100.00
Winter Garden	100.00
Hernando	10.00
Tampa: Trinity	100.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	8.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	4.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	87.50
West Palm Beach: First	100.00
West Palm Beach: First	50.00
Jacksonville: Arlington	30.00
Jacksonville: First	30.00
Jacksonville: First	85.00
Jacksonville: First	20.00
Jacksonville: First	12.00
Jacksonville: First	1.00
Jacksonville: First	50.00
Jacksonville: Riverside Park	10.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	5.00
Miami: Allapattah	15.00

Miami: White Temple	100.00
Apopka	50.00
Coronado Beach Community	25.00
Daytona Beach: Community	50.00
Winter Park	200.00
Ft. Myers: First	50.00
Pahokee	10.00
Jacksonville: Wesley Memorial	30.00
Coral Gables: First	20.00
Coral Gables: First	20.00
Winter Garden: First	900.00
Pahokee: First	10.00
Jacksonville: Arlington	52.00
Bartow: First	100.00
Haines City	17.00
Umatilla	50.00
St. Petersburg: Northside	5.00
Kissimmee	10.00

B. ABROAD

(Other Than Cuba)

16. MISSIONARIES' SALARIES

Lakeland: College Heights	600.00
Orlando: First	500.00
Miami: Trinity	50.00
Orlando: First	750.00
Coral Gables: First	100.00
Coral Gables: First	100.00
Ft. Meade	100.00
Coral Gables: First	100.00
Coral Gables: First	100.00
Ft. Pierce: First	25.00

17. MISSIONARIES' WORK FUNDS

Starke	100.00
Fernandina Beach: Memorial	35.00
Daytona Beach: Community	35.00
Punta Gorda	75.00
Ft. Meade	20.00
Miami: Trinity	50.00
Mount Dora	50.00
Orlando: First	400.00
Gainesville: Wesley Community	20.00
Fernandina Beach	30.00
Jacksonville: First	42.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	20.00
Daytona Beach: Community	35.00
Orlando: Goss Memorial	25.00
Bartow: First	15.80
Leesburg: Morrison Memorial	5.00
Mascotte	5.00
North Miami Beach: Fulford	100.00
Orlando: First	3.00
Orlando: First	2.23
Pierson	35.00
Crystal River	44.50
Ft. Lauderdale First	45.00
Ocala: First	50.00
Waldo	30.00
Coleman: Sumterville	5.00
Orlando: Livingston Memorial	19.61
Ormond Beach	75.00
Ormond Beach	50.00
Crystal River	50.00
Tallahassee: St. Paul's	45.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	100.00
Melbourne: First	25.00
Melbourne: First	41.00
West Palm Beach: Northwood	250.00
West Palm Beach: Northwood	100.00

18. NATIONAL PASTORS' SALARIES

Pastors of Gainesville District	120.00
Gainesville: Wesley Community	32.00
Kissimmee	5.00

19. NATIONAL PASTORS' WORK FUNDS

20. OTHER ADVANCE SPECIALS ABROAD

Daytona Beach: Community	40.00
Punta Gorda	75.00
Punta Gorda	35.00
Pompano Beach: First	75.00
Groveland: Edge Memorial	20.00
Kissimmee	20.00
Miami: Trinity	75.00
Miami: Trinity	75.00

Christ and his Church

Mount Dora	300.00
Punta Gorda: First	27.00
Plant City: First	25.00
Plant City: Trinity	20.00
Fernandina Beach: Memorial	20.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	10.00
Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial	20.00
Coral Gables: First	365.00
Coral Gables: First	1,400.00
Daytona Beach: Community	40.00
Orlando: College Park	20.00
Tallahassee: Trinity	60.00
Coral Gables: Wesley Memorial	350.00
Tampa: Manhattan Avenue	15.00
Miami Springs	90.00
Miami Springs	30.00
Bartow: First	25.00
Bartow: First	25.00
Bartow: First	100.00
Bartow: First	125.00
Bartow: First	132.00
Bartow: First	13.00
Bartow: First	3.00
Bartow: First	31.00
Kissimmee	10.00
St. Petersburg: Northside	50.00
St. Petersburg: Northside	11.33
Tampa: Tampa Heights	25.00
Melbourne: First	41.00

II. National Mission Specials

21. MISSIONARIES' SALARIES

Tampa: Seminole Heights	100.00
Winter Park	300.00
Tampa: Seminole Heights	100.00
Tampa: Tampa Heights	50.00

22. MISSIONARIES WORK FUND

Jacksonville: Arlington	15.00
Orlando: College Park	10.00
Bartow: First	100.00
Tallahassee: St. Paul	45.00
Melbourne: First	41.00

23. ALASKA METHODIST COLLEGE

Daytona Beach: Community	10.00
Orlando: First	250.00
Orlando: Reeves Memorial	50.00
Lakeland: Placid	5.00
Lake City	20.00
Waukeena	8.32
Waukeena: Lamont	8.34
Waukeena: Wacissa	8.34
Ft. Lauderdale: First	8.00
Coral Gables: First	100.00
Daytona Beach: Community	10.00
New Port Richey: First	25.00
Lake City	20.00
Riviera Beach: First	73.23
Williston	12.50
DeLand: First	25.00
Inverness	12.50
Hickory Grove: Lee	3.47
Ft. Lauderdale: First	8.00
Bartow: First	100.00
Coleman: Sumterville	5.00
Coral Gables: First	100.00
Umatilla	20.35
Melbourne: First	16.00

24. OTHER NATIONAL ADVANCE SPECIALS

Ft. Lauderdale: First	8.00
Jacksonville: Arlington	50.00
Miami: Bryan Memorial	41.74
Jacksonville: First	25.00
Jacksonville: North Shore	78.50
Jacksonville: Southside	20.00
Jacksonville: Southside	2.00
Jacksonville: Southside	30.00
Lakeland: Lakewood	25.00
Coronado Beach Community	52.60
Miami: Bryan Memorial	16.74
Ft. Lauderdale: First	8.00
Melbourne: First	20.00
Melbourne: First	16.00

III. Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief

25. OVERSEAS RELIEF

Bartow: First	50.00
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Perrine-Peters	24.59
Orlando: Broadway	215.12
Orlando: Broadway	4.51
Umatilla	25.00
Tallahassee: St. Paul's	10.00
Tampa: Trinity	40.56
Melbourne: First	12.50
Ormond Beach	155.00
Bellevue	3.00
Williston	12.50
Jacksonville: Lakewood	30.34
Jacksonville: Spring Glen	4.00
Auburndale: Lena Vista	7.50
Auburndale: Ltna Vista	2.50
Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial	17.00
DeLand: First	25.00
Hernando	18.00
St. Petersburg: Euclid	11.80
St. Petersburg: First	20.00
St. Petersburg: Seminole	30.00
Avon Park: First	30.00
Lee: Hickory Grove	1.74
Madison: First	5.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	8.00
Lake Worth: Calvary	125.00
Gainesville: Wesley Community	60.00
Oklawaha	5.00
Fernandina Beach: Memorial	13.00
Jacksonville: Epworth	22.50
Jacksonville: First	15.00
Jacksonville: Main Street	10.00
Jacksonville: North Shore	43.00
Jacksonville: North Shore	23.00
Jacksonville: North Shore	18.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	5.00
Lakeland: Lakewood	20.00
Lakeland: Methodist Temple	20.00
Lakeland: Methodist Temple	15.00
Lakeland: Wesley Memorial	67.00
Miami: Bryan Memorial	25.00
Miami: White Temple	100.00
Daytona Beach: Community	15.00
Orlando: College Park	31.45
Orlando: College Park	24.45
Winter Park	116.25
Anona Community	17.00
Palmetto	43.00
Lake City	10.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	48.00
Pahokee	2.50
Riviera Beach: First	50.00
Crecent City: Howe Memorial	10.35
Bartow: First	3.75
Bushnell: St. Catherine	1.00
Davenport	20.00
North Miami Beach: Fulford	58.65
St. Petersburg: Trinity	22.50
Live Oak	38.25
Pahokee	2.50
Starke	300.00
Fernandina Beach: Memorial	17.00
Coleman: Sumterville	5.00
Daytona Beach: Community	15.00
Orlando: Reeves Memorial	50.00
Lake Placid	4.00
Lake City	10.00
Tampa: Sarah Spencer	15.00
Pompano Beach: First	40.00

26. DISTRICT CHURCH EXTENSION

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Miami: Tamiami Temple	15.00
Miami: Trinity	40.00
Miami: Wesley	35.00



Nashville—Shown here are persons who plan art work for the World-Wide Church Attendance Movement. Left to right are William Lazenby, Shipping Clerk, Webb Rizer, Assistant Business Manager General Board of Evangelism, and John L. Sandlin, Director of Church Attendance Movement.

THE WORLD-WIDE CHURCH ATTENDANCE MOVEMENT OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF EVANGELISM OF THE METHODIST CHURCH has been broadened and deepened by extending the emphasis as a year round endeavor. This means that the materials are prepared for every season of the year. They are suitable and adapted to whatever period the local church desires to have a special emphasis.

According to an announcement by the director, John Lewis Sandlin, "The materials for this year are the most attractive to be offered." Churches are putting forth concerted efforts to make this information effective in all parts of the United States and in many foreign countries.

The current motto or slogan, "Try His Way," is taking hold all over The Methodist Church. Materials and tools to be used by

every church of whatever size are now available.

A Church Attendance packet may be secured by writing to the World-Wide Church Attendance Movement, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, and enclosing 35 cents.

Information and guidance on a community wide Church Attendance Conference will be gladly furnished by the director.

Commission on Church Extension Organizes

The Conference Commission on Church Extension, re-appointed at the June session of the Annual Conference, has organized by continuing the same officers who served during last year. These are: Chairman, M. C. Cleveland; Co-chairman, Howard Berg; Secretary, Clare M. Cotton. The Commission now numbers 32 clerical and lay members. At its recent meeting in Jacksonville the following committees were appointed:

Office and Arrangements:

R. C. Holmes
R. A. Alley
C. M. Cotton

Education and Publicity:

Geo. A. Foster
Glenn Gold
H. W. Blackburn
L. N. Head
W. Goddard Sherman
R. C. Holmes

Program, Calendar and Solicitation:

Hoyt Tatum
M. C. Cleveland
R. L. Allen
Glenn McCormick
L. G. Ray

Special Gifts:

Morton McDonald
R. H. Berg

Plus others to be named by the several DS's.

In addition to electing officers and appointing committees the Commission has also entered an agreement with the Department of Finance of the National Division, Board of Missions, to use the services of Dr. Alexander Stewart as Director of the Campaign. Dr. Stewart will establish an office in Lakeland in association with Rev. R. C. Holmes, Conference Executive Secretary of Church Extension, in the fall.

The goal of the Campaign is \$2,400,000, to be divided as follows: Church Extension Loan Fund \$1,000,000; Church Extension Donation Fund \$1,000,000; Branscomb Memorial Auditorium \$400,000.

FLORIDA LAYMEN IN THE PHILIPPINES



Left to right: Mr. D. C. Dawkins of First Church, Jacksonville; one of the old-timers at the Methodist Rural Center; Mr. Tom Slade of Starke.

Here is a letter written to THE FLORIDA METHODIST by Layman Tom Slade in connection with his recent visit to the Spottswoods in the Philippines.

—Editor

Dear Bro. Thompson:

Nothing is ever dull on the island of Mindanao when you spend it with the Spottswoods. Yesterday we made a trip that took us fifty miles from home. Although our meeting lasted less than two hours, the time required for this trip was over twelve hours. The first part of this venture was made by jeep—a most useful vehicle in this area where there are only thirty-five miles of paved road in an area nearly as large as Cuba. During the dry season, the full length of our trip could have been made by jeep, we then transferred to a cart made of bamboo and pulled by a carabao. This animal is used very much as mules were used in our country some forty years ago. The time required for the last two miles was two hours. This is hard to imagine unless you see for yourself the mud—deep, sticky mud—through which we traveled. At times the carabao was pulling us in the water and mud that completely covered his legs and part of his body. Progress is slow under these conditions.

After arriving in this small village of approximately one thousand inhabitants, we ate lunch in the home of one of the members of our church. It consisted of chicken, rice, and fruit. After lunch we went next door to our church where we held a service

attended by approximately thirty men, women and children. Considering that this is the busy planting season in Mindanao, this number was considered a good crowd.

After our service was over, we started back on foot and in our carabao-drawn cart. After traveling about three-quarters of a mile, the shaft of our cart was broken, and it became necessary to ride the back of the carabao for about three hundred yards and then walk back to where the jeep was left. The hardest part of the journey back was riding the carabao. When he moves in one direction, his skin moves in another, and it becomes very difficult to hold on. I managed, however, and I think this was the most disappointing part of the trip for "Spotty," as he was standing by with his camera hoping that I would land in the middle of one of the water-holes. We had no further trouble on our ride back home, except a flat tire.

The difficulties under which these people work, and the courage by which they work, is hard to understand unless you see it for yourself. When our way of life is so easy by comparison, it is too easy for us to become complacent in America. This is the thing I would warn and advise against for unless we care enough to help the underprivileged majority who are hungry, diseased and uncared for, we may find our own way of life disappearing because of our failure to do God's will. A people or a nation grow strong applying the principles taught by Christ. When we refuse to apply these

principles, we are in imminent danger of following in the path of other civilizations that grew soft and corrupt.



The most beautiful Methodist building we have seen in Mindanao is the Bishop John Branscomb Memorial. It will replace the building now being used for a church; also there are additional rooms that will be used for Sunday school and recreation, and for the Mt. Apo Christian Workers' School.

If Christianity is to have a chance throughout the world, those of us back home must learn to give of our money and efforts as the Spottswoods are doing here on this island some eleven thousand miles from their native Florida. They have found the answer, which is the complete dedication of their all to serving God.

Sincerely yours,
TOM SLADE

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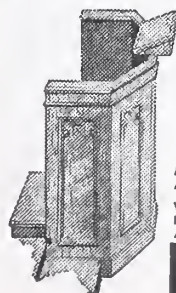
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Miss Jane MacIntyre
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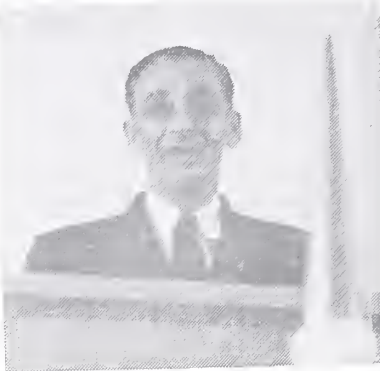
Miss Jane MacIntyre of Miami is another Florida girl who leave the United States this fall to begin 3 years of missionary service overseas. Miss MacIntyre will go to Cuba to do educational work and has been attending special classes at Scarritt College in preparation for this service.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Miss MacIntyre spent her early life there and in Miami. She studied four years at Florida State University at Tallahassee and was graduated in 1957 with a bachelor of arts degree in French, Spanish and education. She did special study in the summer of 1957 at the Technological Institute of Monterrey, Mexico.

While in college, Miss MacIntyre was a member of Delta Gamma social sorority, Pi Delta Phi, honorary French fraternity, and Kappa Delta Pi, honorary education fraternity.

For the last two years, Miss MacIntyre has taught eighth grade in the public schools of Miami. She is a member of the Bryan Memorial Methodist Church in Miami.

dena Church, St. Petersburg, will



preach one morning during the school.

Dr. H. L. Johns, Director—Church Extension (Southeastern) of the Division of National Missions will speak once on "CHURCH EXTENSION CHALLENGES METH-ODISM" and conduct a workshop on Church Extension on two afternoons.

Rev. Victor Rankin of Cuba will speak on "METHODISM AND



THE SITUATION IN CUBA."

Complete programs and other information will be reaching the pastors of the Conference very soon. This School is always one of the highlights of the year and many Conference Boards and agencies use the School as an occasion for special meetings and other activities.

'Shades of Wesley'

The General Board of Evangelism received a letter recently which began as follows: "Dear Board: I would like to have information concerning Mr. John Wesley's schedule and date of arrival in the States. When he was here three years ago, we had him for our guest three days, and we would like to have him visit with us again. Also, if his schedule is not filled, would like to suggest that he speak at . . ." Since John Wesley, English founder of Methodism, died in 1791, staff members of the board were at a

loss as to how to fill the request. They later determined that their correspondent was referring to Rev. John Wesley Shungu, who will come from the Central Congo to the United States to be a leader in the Methodist "Mission to America" Oct. 4 to Dec. 4.

Changes Slated For
Methodist Magazine

Several changes in The New Christian Advocate, effective Oct. 1, have been announced by the Methodist Publishing House. "The New" will be dropped from the title, and the publication will be called Christian Advocate. It will be published every other Thursday rather than once a month, as is now the case. The format will be new, 8 5/8 by 11 inches in size, 24 pages in length, produced in two colors. It is currently a digest-size publication. It will be directed primarily to the ministers, as it is now, but should have great appeal as well to the layman interested in the work of the church. The editorial staff of the magazine, with offices in Chicago, are Leland D. Case, editorial director; the Rev. Dr. T. Otto Nall, editor; and Newman S. Cryer, Jr. managing editor.

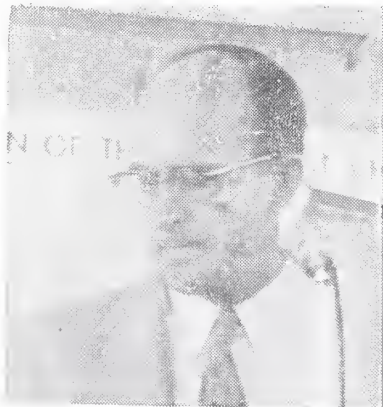
Pastors' School, Oct. 5-9

The following is a list of the speakers and instructors who will be heard at the Conference Pastors' School which will be held at the Leesburg Youth Camp, October 5-9.

Dr. Charles Kraft of Garrett Biblical Institute will speak on "HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT."

Dr. Purnell Bailey, pastor of Centenary Church, Richmond, Virginia, will preach daily and conduct a workshop on SERMON PREPARATION.

Dr. Dale Hagler of First Methodist Church, West Palm Beach,



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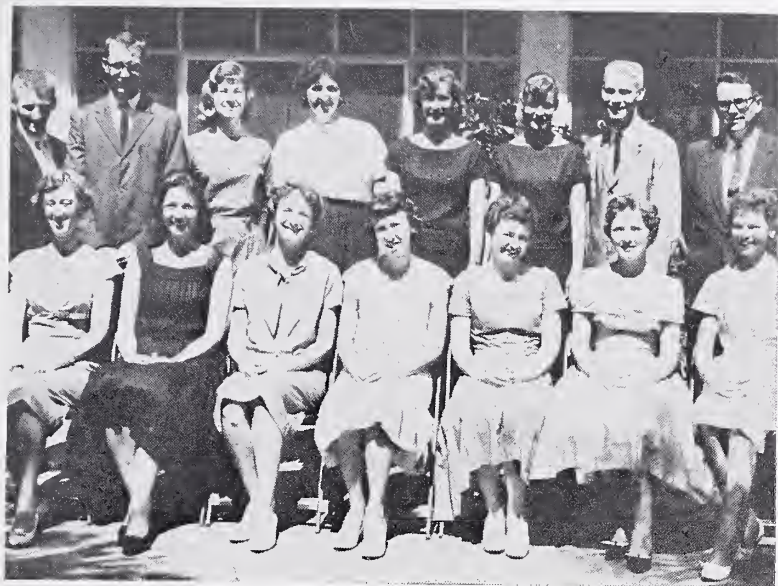
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CONFERENCE MYF OFFICERS



NEWLY ELECTED FLORIDA CONFERENCE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS. The above young people were elected recently to a conference office at the annual Officer's Assembly of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. (Seated left to right) Phyllis Barrett, Delaine Gordon, Dolores Miller, Carol Tyler, Nancy Henderson, Barbara Koone, Sharon Adams. (Standing) Dennis Ragsdale, Harold Wells, Judy Phelps, June Norman, Mary Mitchell, Margaret Mitchell, Jim Gronquist, and Rev. Warren W. Willis, Conference Director of Youth Work.

The Officer's Assembly of the Florida Methodist Youth Fellowship was held recently at the Florida Methodist Youth Camp, Leesburg, Florida. The Officer's Assembly is the annual business meeting of the Conference MYF. The youth attending this assembly are official delegates from across the state, representing the more than 27,000 MYF'ers from the more than 500 Methodist churches of Florida. During this session the following were elected to Conference Offices: President, Jim Gronquist, Ft. Lauderdale; Vice President, Dolores Miller, Perry; Secretary-Treasurer, Carol Tyler, Tallahassee; Methodist Youth Fund Director, Harold Wells, Atlanta, Georgia; Methodist Youth Fund Secretary, Keith Ewing, Lakeland; Conference Office Secretary, June Norman, Jacksonville; Publicity Chairman, Delaine Gordon, Jacksonville; Christian Citizenship Chairman, Nancy Henderson, Jacksonville;

Christian Outreach Chairman, Judy Phelps, Miami; Christian Faith Chairmen, Mary and Margaret Mitchell, West Palm Beach; Christian Witness Chairman, Sharon Adams, Orlando; Christian Fellowship Chairman, Dennis Ragsdale, Okeechobee; Publications Chairman, Barbara Koone, Fruitland Park; Volunteer Service Chairman, Phyllis Barrett, Ft. Myers.

The Florida Methodist Youth Camp serves the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the state. During the summer over 4500 youth and leaders have participated in the seven weeks of camps for Junior High youth and the four weeks of assemblies for Senior High youth. These Methodist youth have shared in giving more than \$5200 to the special mission projects of the camp. In addition to this, in the past conference year they have contributed over \$22,000 to the Methodist Youth Fund, their official mission project.

National Labor Relations Board. Lovick Pierce, house president, stated to the publishing house employees and to the press that the house would oppose the Teamsters Union in its efforts by every legal and honorable means. He cited the publishing house's policy of being neither pro-union nor anti-union, adding he saw no need for unionization of these employees. "The sound defeat of the Teamsters Union by our employees we accept as their endorsement of the relationship, compensation, and other factors connected with their employment," he said.

'Talk Back' Films Now Available

Films from the religious television series, "Talk Back," are now available for use by churches. The announcement was made by the Rev. Dr. Harry C. Spencer, Nashville, grand secretary of the Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFICO), producer of the programs. "We believe churches that use the films will find that they will stimulate thinking and discussion on vital issues," said Dr. Spencer. Each "Talk Back" program begins with a filmed human-situation drama about 13 minutes in length. The drama presents a problem but no solution. In television broadcasts, the last part of the program consists of a live local panel which discusses the problem and possible Christian solutions to it.

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Sorry, Somebody 'Goofed'

On page 10 of the last issue of THE FLORIDA METHODIST there was a picture and a story on the new educational building being erected by Trinity, DeLand. In reporting, re-writing or setting the story someone misplaced \$100,000 for it is stated that the "Total cost of the building will approximate \$50,000." The correct figure is \$150,000—since this is a

major building program, the first one at Trinity in 35 years. We like to correct this sort of error.

Teamsters' Bid Fails At Publishing House

Nashville Teamsters Union Local 327 was defeated in its efforts to organize for collective bargaining 88 service employees of the Methodist Publishing House in an election held Aug. 19 by the

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GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

The Rev. Kenneth Jones, a member of the Florida Conference now attending the Candler School of Theology, preached at First Church, Clearwater, and was the inspirational speaker of the Youth Activities Week held in that church last month. Study class leaders included the Rev. W. J. McCullough, the Rev. W. B. McMullen and the Rev. Ray Harrison.

Mrs. Ida Richardson, 92, mother of Mrs. C. M. Sappington, wife of the pastor at Jennings, passed away at her home in Alabama last month.

Florence Evelyn Cooke, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Don A. Cooke of First Church, Bradenton, was married to Mr. Justus Russell Sackett, Jr., on the evening of Saturday, August 22nd. The ceremony was performed in First Church, Bradenton, with a reception in the church parlors immediately following.

When the parsonage family of First church, Clermont, returned from a vacation on the East coast, they found that the floors had been refinished and a new sink ensemble installed in the kitchen. New furniture had been placed in the living room earlier in the summer.

Dr. David White of the Union Theological Seminary, Matanzas, Cuba, and the Rev. and Mrs. Bengt Simonsson, Swedish missionaries to Africa were among the speakers heard at Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale, during the vacation of the pastor, Dr. George A. Foster.

Among those attending the Church and Community Workshop at Emory University from the Florida Conference were: E. D. Conway, D. L. Floyd, Larry Henize, C. H. Kitchum, H. Donald Mizell, Chesley and Lucile Sappington, Don A. Walsh, and Ferne H. Wolfe.

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Bledsoe of First Church, Haines City, announce the birth of a son, Robert Phillip, in Lakeland on July 21st.

Dr. Shelby A. Wilson, pastor at Williston in 1931, was the preacher and the Rev. W. L. Hughes, pastor in 1935, offered prayer at homecoming services held at First Church, Williston, on August 30.

The "Parsonage Club" at Trin-

ity, Lakeland, is a group seeking to obtain a more modern home for the pastor's family. Any person may join and determine for himself the amount of monthly "dues" he will pay. The first year's operation of the "Club" has netted more than \$700 for the parsonage fund.

The Rev. Paul Searcy, Church of God missionary to Nigeria, showed pictures and spoke to the M.Y.F. at Morrison Memorial, Leesburg, recently.

Virginia Man Sets 50-Year Record

While many Rotarians, Kiwanians and other service club members roll up enviable records for perfect attendance at club meetings, a Methodist in Virginia is setting a record that now exceeds 50 years in his church school without missing a single Sunday.

Grover Cleveland Hoch, a 75-year-old member of the Claremont Methodist Church, a skilled sheet metal worker and pattern draftsman, has an exceptional record as an interested churchman.

Born in Hagerstown, Md., in 1885, he has been a Methodist church official for 56 consecutive years, a member of church choirs for the same number of years, and has taught teenagers for 51 years. As a teacher, he has instructed a total of about 26,500 boys and girls.

By the time he was three years of age, Mr. Hoch had boasted of his first year of perfect attendance. When he was 16, he began to teach a class of nine boys, some of whom were a little older than himself.

For the past four years he has been a lay speaker on the Petersburg district. His church school, where he serves as assistant superintendent, has an enrollment of 114 and last year 48 of this number had perfect attendance.

In 1953, when the church needed additional facilities for Christian education, Mr. Hoch with others went into the woods and cut logs for a nine-room annex.

"I have not strived for perfect Sunday school attendance," Mr. Hoch said. "The church is so much a part of my life's interests that I am always there."

"The great need in our world today is for Methodists who are intelligent enough to interpret the dilemmas of this present hour in mankind's history, who are compassionate enough to become involved in its pain, and who are courageous enough to make the sacrifices that these times demand."

—Bishop John Wesley Lord



PLAN TO MAKE THE HOLIDAYS HOLY DAYS

Daily devotions help to fulfill the Christian's spiritual needs for the holiday season. When used over the preceding weeks, devotions lead into a meaningful observance of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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North Church, Sarasota, Makes Growth

Under the leadership of the Maurice E. Beery, the North Methodist Church of Sarasota, organized only three years ago, continues to grow. After worshipping in several temporary locations, the social hall, pictured



above, was completed about 1½ years ago and has been used as a sanctuary since that time. It seats 375 people very comfortably and is well filled each Sunday. Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Keboch serve the church as co-directors of Christian education and the erection of an educational unit is to be the next project of the congregation.

Of course this growing church has a W.S.C.S. with 3 thriving circles, a Methodist Men's Club that is now 2 years old and the church has adopted a budget for this current fiscal year of \$17,915.00.

Branscomb Memorial Completed

Shown on the front page of this issue is the Branscomb Memorial Chapel and classroom building recently completed in the Philip-



ppines. The above picture gives some idea of its location with reference to the highway which, writes the Rev. "Spotty" Spottswood, "is the main highway connecting the largest cities of Mindanao. Every day 100-200 buses and jeeps pass this way and our beautiful new chapel whispers, 'Stop . . . Pause for prayer . . . take time to be holy.' In a land where only slightly more than 1% of the population is Protestant, this building reminds all viewers that Christ—not a church—is the Answer. We think this is a beautiful memorial to a GREAT

spirit—John Branscomb!"

The building was given jointly by Christ Church, St. Petersburg, and hundreds of other Florida churches as a memorial to their beloved leader. The building cost more than \$15,000 and "Spotty" reports that layman D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville building supply dealer, "guessed" it would cost not less than \$35,000 in the States.

'Mission to America' Plans Announced

Ten outstanding Christians from other lands will be leaders of a two-month Methodist "Mission to America" Oct. 4 to Dec. 4, as a result of a resolution of the 1956 General Conference. The mission will be sponsored by the Board of Missions' Division of World Missions and Woman's Division of Christian Service and the General Board of Evangelism. The purpose is that "leaders and preachers of the younger churches be invited to the United States to give witness to their triumphant faith, and to lead the Methodists of America toward a great spiritual awakening, and a deeper devotion to the gospel of Jesus Christ," states the resolution.

Car Safety Belts

Cornell University Medical College has analyzed hundreds of car accidents. From these they are of the opinion that safety belts reduce injury as much as 60 per cent.

In this study they found that 75.5% of those in cars without seat belts were injured, while only 29.9% of those in cars with seat belts were injured.

They also found that 17.4% of those in cars without seat belts were thrown out of the cars and killed, while only 2.2% of those in cars with seat belts were killed, or a difference of practically 8 to 1.—S. C. Advocate.

As the Body of Christ By BISHOP MARSHALL R. REED

Among the many phrases used by New Testament writers to describe the fellowship of the early Christians there is none more significant than that of St. Paul when he called the Church the body of Christ. This definition of the Church we believe to be both biblically sound and spiritually unlimited.

One of our contemporary Christian leaders has lifted the question as to whether this phrase is merely a metaphor or really a fact. To say that it is a metaphor does not discredit its validity nor discount its importance. It is interesting to note that when Professor John Knox discusses the Church as the body of Christ, he underscores the word. He is there-

by insisting that it is the body of Christ as much as it has ever been.

In order to adequately appreciate what the phrase means it is necessary to recall what Christ did when he was in the body 1900 years ago. One writer who wanted to describe his ministry in a single sentence said that he went about doing good. Evidently he gave himself to helping those who were in need. He looked with compassion upon a crowd of frustrated people. He fed a multitude of the hungry and restored strength to the infirm. He spoke words of hope to the discouraged and words of life to the defeated. After his ascension his disciples carried on his service.

If the Church is his body today, its members will continue to do what he did in the days of his flesh.

This conception places the Church under the ethical imperative of the Gospel. There may be many spiritual directives that Jesus left for us but there is only one ethical imperative. This is it: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." His disciples knew the Ten Commandments which Jesus did not destroy, but they had not heard the eleventh commandment which he gave them and which became the ethical imperative for them and for us.

It is this Christian ethic that
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makes the Church what Matthew Arnold defined as "A society for the promotion of goodness." During his ministry Jesus went about doing good, and since then the members of his body, his Church, have continued to do the same. They have become his hands to do his work, they have become his feet to lead men and women in the way everlasting, and they have become his voice to speak his words of life.

If Christ were here today, when he could fly from country to country and from continent to continent in a few hours, where do you think we would find him? I am sure we would find him in refugee camps, at least he said he had come to proclaim release to captives and to set at liberty the oppressed. We thought of him when we saw one of the worst camps in his own country. Nor can we forget the one at Hanover, Germany, and Sue Ryder from Great Britain who is giving her life with marvelous devotion to these disinherited thousands. She talked of our responsibility and finally said: "We must not forget that we were a part of the society that created this terrible mess, and we have no right now to neglect those who have been hurt."

Also I am sure he would be found at the camps where thousands of young men are in military training. One of his biographers relates how he looked upon one fine young man and loved him. We believe he would be concerned about our boys who are not there because they want to be but because they are compelled to be. They are subjected to new temptations and are frustrated about their own futures. They have come out of our own homes and our own churches, and we wonder who will care for them now.

What can we who are the body of Christ now do to carry on his work in this generation? Here is one specific and important thing we can do. The Church has put at our disposal one helpful instrument with which we may share in his mission and for this we should be grateful.

On October fourth we shall join the Christians everywhere in the observance of World-wide Communion. On that day when we figuratively partake of the broken body of our Lord, we, his living body, may present an offering for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. Part of it will go to the Committee on Overseas Relief to minister to those in refugee camps, disaster areas, and to others in need. Part of it will go to our Commission on Chaplains who supervise the service of more than six hundred Methodist

Chaplains who look after the spiritual welfare of our boys while they are in service. Part of it will go to the Commission on Camp Activities to assist the many churches located near camps with attractive and helpful programs for the men in training near by.

We like St. Paul's definition of the Church as the body of Christ. We rejoice that we can share in his continued mission in the world. We are thankful that our Church gives us an opportunity to carry out that mission. In this spirit we would come to World-wide Communion Sunday.

Cornerstone Laid At Alaska University

The cornerstone was laid July 12 for what will be the first Christian university in the 49th state, the Alaska Methodist University. More than 500 persons gathered on the 242-acre campus in Anchorage for the ceremony. Principal speaker was the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross of Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education. "Alaska Methodist University represents the thirteenth time in American history that the Methodist Church has founded a college in a frontier territory before the coming of statehood," he said. "The rich educational heritage of Methodism's glorious past now passes to this new school."

New Associate Editor

The Reverend James M. Wall has been named an Associate Editor of TOGETHER Magazine, the mid-monthly magazine for Methodist families, according to Leland Case, Editorial Director of TOGETHER and THE NEW CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. TOGETHER has its editorial offices in Chicago, and reaches the homes of over a million Methodist families each month.

Mr. Wall is an ordained Methodist minister and is a member of the North Georgia Methodist Conference. For the past two years, he has served as the pastor of the Bethel Methodist Church, in Chicago, while working on a graduate degree in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

The new editor served Methodist churches in Moreland and Luthersville, Georgia before coming to Chicago. His first ministerial appointment was to Emory University, where he served as the Assistant to the Dean of Students. Mr. Wall holds B.A. and B.D. degrees from Emory.

Mr. Wall was a sports writer for the ATLANTA JOURNAL for three years, and was a Public Information Officer in the Air Force during the Korean War. In the

Air Force he served in Orlando, Florida; Marietta, Georgia; and Anchorage, Alaska.

Mr. Wall, a native of Monroe, Georgia, is married to the former Mary Eleanor Kidder, of Belle Glade, Florida. They have two children, David, 4½ and Bobby 2½. Mrs. Wall is a certified director of Christian Education in the North Georgia Conference. She has served as director in the First Methodist Church, Decatur, Georgia, and as the educational assistant of the College Heights Methodist Church, Lakeland, Florida.

After September 15, the Wall family will reside at 604 Colfax Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, and Mr. Wall will have his office at 740 Rush Street, Chicago.

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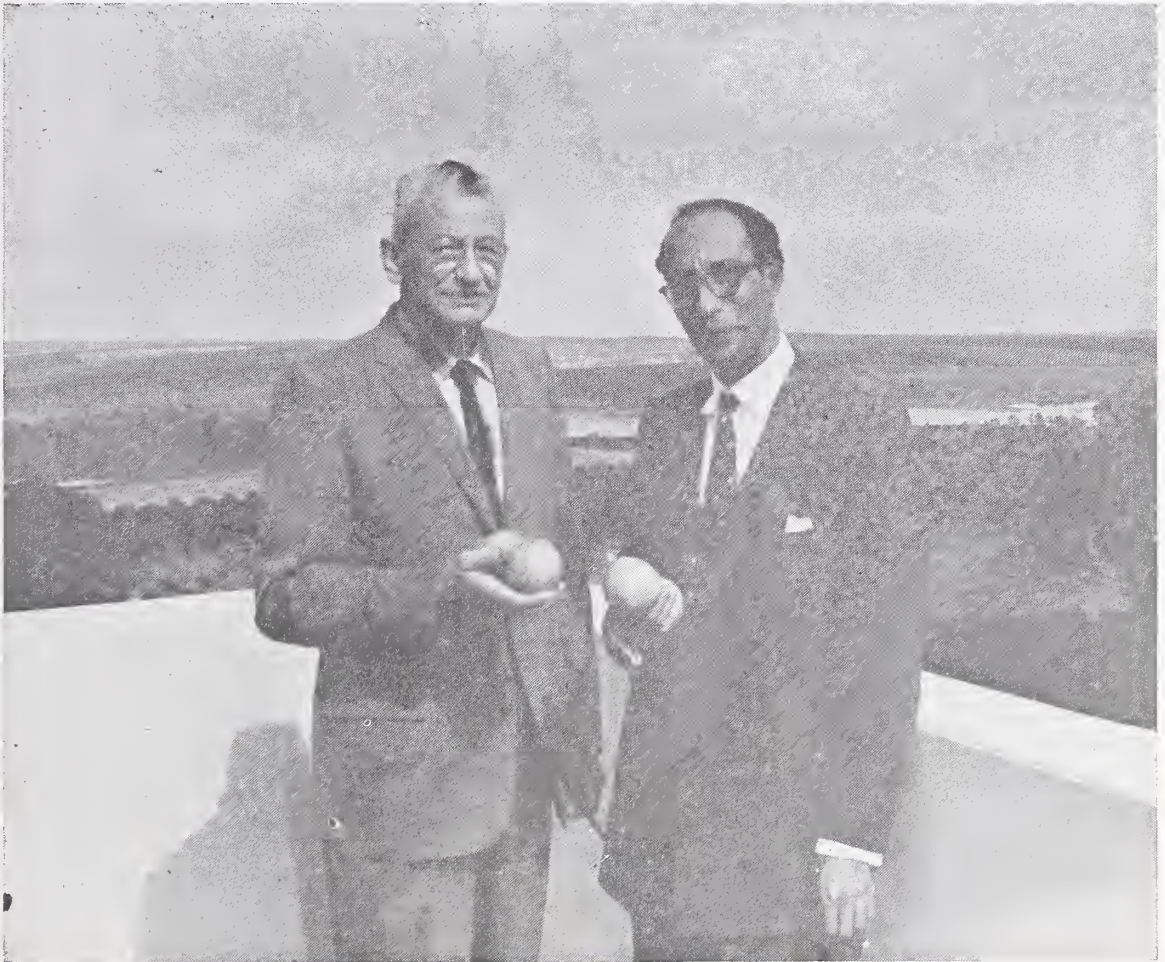
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Dr. S. L. Sheets, Professor of English, Forman College, Lahore, Pakistan, and a Methodist Missionary in Pakistan for 37 years, discusses Pakistan affairs with Mr. Agha M. Bawker, Senior Marketing Officer, Cooperating and Marketing Department, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Karachi, Pakistan, at a meeting on the Observation Decks of the Citrus Tower, Clermont, Florida, where they were presented with some of Central Florida's finest oranges.

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Biscayne Methodist Retirement Home

Elsewhere in this issue is the advertisement of the Biscayne Methodist Home of Miami, a truly fine Home for elderly folks owned and operated by the Miami District of The Florida Conference of The Methodist Church. The story of its founding and successful operation is one that needs to be repeated in every District of the Conference.

The Biscayne Methodist Home was organized in the fall of 1948 by Rev. Glenn C. James of the White Temple Methodist Church when a substantial gift was made to the church for that purpose by Miss Emma Quinn. A large rooming house was purchased that would house eighteen to twenty people. Miss Quinn was a guest in the home until her death, at ninety-three, in March 1959. It was operated by the trustees of the White Temple until 1954, at which time title was passed to a new group controlled by all of the Methodist churches in the Miami District. Each church is represented in the corporation and at the annual meeting they elect five directors who serve for three years.

When the new directors took over, a location committee was organized. They must have looked at twenty pieces of property. In April of 1957, the Beverly Terrace Hotel, located at 3227 Biscayne

Boulevard, owned and operated by a Mr. C. W. Kistler, a Methodist, was offered to the corporation. This is an eighty room, luxury type family hotel. The building was purchased and alterations made to bring the building up to the standard required by the State Health Department and the Miami Building and Fire Department for the purpose for which it is used.

Eighteen guests moved into the new building on October 1st, 1957. At the present time, sixty-five men and women are enjoying their sunset years in this home. The founders fee, paid at entrance, takes care of the capital investment and upkeep of the building. A monthly payment takes care of food, weekly room service, nursing, and a weekly clinic. The home has continued to maintain the same atmosphere and standards that the hotel enjoyed as the officers feel that one of the essential factors in a home of this type is a home-like atmosphere, not an institution.

This building was purchased fully equipped, kitchen, dining room, etc. The main building has seventy-five available rooms which are nearly filled. On July 1st, this year, the officers purchased an adjoining apartment house which contains twelve bedroom units that will be connected to the main building by a covered passageway. An elevator will be installed, and it is planned to utilize this building for couples—sisters, brothers, etc., two to an apartment. Meals and care will continue in the main building and the proximity of the newly purchased building is such that residents in that building will be as close to the facilities of the main building as many in the main building.

If you are interested or have friends who are interested in the sort of service this fine Home has to offer we suggest that you get in touch with them before these newly acquired facilities are taken. If you are one of those who has reservations or apprehensions concerning the desirability of life in a Home of this sort, the management has even suggested that you arrange to live with them two or three days as their guest so that you can know at first hand what such a Home has to offer. It's hard to beat an invitation like that.

The YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By HOOVER RUPERT

ON SELLING YOUTH

You were as shocked as I was when you read the story of the father who sold—or tried to, anyhow—his daughter into slavery. This was not in the dim barbaric past. It wasn't among the backward tribes of the Dark Continent. It wasn't a communist nation either. In fact it happened in Manila, Philippine Islands, just a few weeks ago. According to the news reports, a Filipino farmer was arrested by police for trying to sell his eight-year-old daughter for 500 pesos. (That's about \$250.00.)

His explanation to the investigators assumed a hurt tone as he inquired, "Why should they jail me when I was only trying to make a living?" Well, we are rightly shocked by this action of

Benito de Los Santos, and we draw ourselves up to our full height and thank God we are not as this man! We would not sell a daughter or a son just to make a living. No, not we!

Yet, I dare to raise the question with the adult readers of this column: Are there not many ways in which we are equally guilty of selling out our youth to make a living? Obscene literature seems constantly to find its way back on the newsstands even after community efforts to clean up the stuff sold to youth to read. And somewhere a publisher shrugs his shoulders as he counts his take, "We just give the public what they want, you can't blame us for trying to make a living, can you?"

Or, the lurid, sexed-up motion pictures which seem to find their way to the screen in the local movie house, accompanied by even more lurid advertisements in the local press—after all this is a big industry and much of our nation's commercial success depends on Hollywood's continued success, this is the argument of

the persons who are finally responsible for selling our youth's morals for a mess of mercenary pottage.

Then too, there is the family where God is a forgotten name, uttered only in angry profanity, where spiritual values have little chance against the insulation of secular habits and worldly materialism. Here are respectable people who honestly feel it unthinkable that respectable people would even hazard the thought of selling a child "to make a living." Yet, they are consciously or unthinkingly short-changing their children in terms of necessary religious foundations for effective living. Is that really any different from robbing the child of his rightful home and family influence? How many children have never heard a parental voice lifted in prayer? How many youth engage in church work in spite of the indifference or opposition of uninterested parents? How many youngsters find their spiritual development short-circuited

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Methodist Temple Observes Fifth Anniversary



Methodist Temple

An over-flow congregation assembled on September 13th to observe the fifth anniversary of Lakeland's Methodist Temple. Charter members were recognized, including several who came from other cities for the event. The Rev. John R. Hunt, pastor, preached on the subject, "Pioneers, Bricklayers, and Evangelists," and historical highlights were recalled by Frank Trovillion, a charter member.

John Garster, also a charter member presented a scrap book, which was accepted officially as the church history scrap book.

Following the service an old-fashioned dinner was enjoyed by the many members and friends who attended.

Among the ministerial friends who attended were Dr. J. H. Daniels, former Lakeland District Superintendent who was instrumental in the establishment of the church; the Rev. Robert Bledsoe, former pastor; Dr. C. M. Cotton, Dr. H. Carter Hardin, Dr. R. Ira Barnett, and Dr. W. A. Myres.

Mr. Hunt challenged the congregation to present a special birthday gift toward the indebtedness on the fellowship hall-sanctuary, and a large offering was received.

The original congregation of Methodist Temple first met in St. David's Episcopal Church, and later in the Danforth Chapel at Florida Southern College. The present building was completed in 1955 on a site donated by the late Carlton W. Palmore, Sr., in South Lakeland. The educational building was erected in 1957 and includes church offices. Future plans call for the construction of a sanctuary and additional edu-

cational facilities. The present membership is 335. Pastors of the church have included the Rev. Maurice Phillips, director of Upper Room Publications, Nashville, Tenn., Mr. Bledsoe now of First Church, Haines City, who served four years, and Mr. Hunt who was assigned this past June.

Takes Place On World Council

Dr. Henry W. Blackburn, District Superintendent of the West Palm Beach District, was elected to succeed the late Bishop John W. Branscomb on Section 13 of



the World Methodist Council when the executive committee of that body met in St. Simons Island, Ga., last month. Section 13

is that section of the Council which represents The Methodist Church, U.S.A.

The executive committee was meeting in this country to plan a World Methodist Conference to be held in 1961 in Oslo, Norway. The group represents 40 Methodist bodies in 76 countries. The last such Conference was held in 1956 at Lake Junaluska.

Workers of Tomorrow Conference

Dr. Eugene Smith, executive secretary of the Board of Mis-



Miss Jane Stentz

sions, and Miss Jane Stentz, from the office of Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions, will be among the leaders who will share in the Ministers and Church Workers of Tomorrow Conference to be held at the Leesburg Youth Camp, October 30-31.

This important Conference, set up by the Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell and his Conference Commission on Christian Vocations, is for all youth of senior high school age and older who are giving serious consideration to the possibility of entering a church-related vocation and who would like additional information and guidance. In addition to the above named leaders the District Superintendents, the Executive officers of the W.S.C.S., members of the Board of Ministerial Training and other invited persons will be on hand.

The Conference begins with supper on Friday and closes with lunch on Saturday. The cost for 3 meals and a night's lodging at the Camp is \$4.00. This also includes insurance. Pastors have been furnished registration blanks and additional blanks may be secured from Box 78, Lakeland.

CHURCHMEN LOOK AT CUBA

In recent weeks we have received a number of communications from our own church leaders who are close to the situation in Cuba setting forth some facts, thoughts and interpretations that are not found generally in the public press. Here are a few paragraphs from some of these letters.

Richard and Juliet Milk have recently returned to the Agricultural and Industrial School at Preston, in the Oriente province, after two years in the States. They write:

"The Church is growing as never before in Cuban history. The opportunities and necessities for a positive witness for Christ are vastly greater than the resources at our disposal.

"The horrible months of Civil War in Cuba left deep marks in the lives of all the Cuban people.

"Not only in terms of lives lost and homes destroyed, but in terms of nervous exhaustion and malnutrition from months of strain, terror, fear, and isolation from markets—the Civil War had far-reaching consequences. The Cuban people have been almost deliriously happy this past few months to have their freedoms restored to them.

"Here at the school the shut-downs and uncertainties caused the loss of nearly half the student body during the past year. The school property was actually overrun by the Revolutionary army in late December, and is noted in this area as the site where a truce was arranged between the regular Army and the Revolutionaries which prevented even greater bloodshed and loss of life."



The Rev. Ernest E. O'Neal, Jr., pastor of the Olympia Heights Church, Miami, served as a missionary in Brazil for 5 years and in Mayari, Cuba, for 2 years. He spent the month of July visiting in Cuba and, after meeting and talking to Castro, writes, in part:

"The impression I received from the people is that they do not believe that we understand the terrible conditions that existed under the ruthless dictatorship of the previous government and neither do we understand what is happening in Cuba today. Over and over it was said that the

present reform is strictly Cuba's effort to solve her own problems. No evidence of Russian influence was seen in the country. Cuba does not have diplomatic relations with Russia. No Russian products were seen in the stores. The government newspaper openly criticizes communism. Communist candidates were recently overwhelmingly defeated in the labor union elections. The communist newspaper Hoy (today) has almost disappeared from the news stands, not because its publication is prohibited but because the public is not interested in reading it. A shop owner in Havana told me, "The Cuban people want no part of communism," and all impressions received from talking with many people indicated that she was right. Although the Batista government recognized the Communist Party, the present government does not.

"There is not only freedom of religion in Cuba but the new government has shown that moral and spiritual values are not only appreciated but are an essential part of the reform. Gambling has almost been eliminated. The former sale of lottery tickets all over the island, a gambling device sponsored by the national government that drained the economy and impoverished the people, has now been set up as a system of savings bonds. Funds accumulated in this way constitute a Cuban form of FHA that furnishes loans for the building of homes. The drinking of alcoholic beverages has been reduced. Soldiers are under orders not to drink and failure to observe this order results in imprisonment or discharge from the army. The sale of alcoholic beverages was prohibited during the days of celebrating the victory of the revolution and more recently drinking has been prohibited at public beaches."

Veteran missionary Garfield Evans has circulated a "Report on Cuba" in which he evaluates the situation and summarizes 20 favorable points as against 9 unfavorable or doubtful points in the present situation.

Pointing that 35% of the total population and 75% of the rural population of Cuba is illiterate, Dr. Evans states: "Elections would be meaningless if not disastrous now, after 7 years of dictatorship and with the masses illiterate . . . But Cuba is combating illiteracy and gradually working toward a practical form of democracy."

Dr. Evans insists that "There is probably more Communism in the U. S. A. than in Cuba" and

that "We are entirely too sensitive about that word." He goes on to point that "Communism thrives on hunger and poverty; we need to help in every way to make Communism impossible."

He also states:

"**AMERICAN DIPLOMACY** is at a low ebb in Latin America. Following World War II, we have given attention to problems in the East and Europe overlooking our next door neighbors often sending them second rate ambassadors and consuls to represent us. During the dictators reign in Cuba, (although he went into power at the point of a gun we recognized him within 48 hours as though he were elected constitutionally) we supplied him with a military mission and all the arms he wanted—which he used to suppress any opposition and tortured to death between 10,000 and 20,000 of the finest of the youth of Cuba.

"**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** has not been usually on the side of the democracies except when it was clearly to its advantage. Publicly they favor the present government, but underneath they resent it. For the first time in Cuba's history it has been decreed that when a religious ceremony is used in the inauguration of any public building, if a priest is invited a Protestant must accompany him and take an equal part in the ceremony. A special request also has been made for chaplains (Protestants as well as Catholic) in the army—first time in its history."

These last paragraphs are from the Rev. Victor Rankin of Camaguey who shares the conviction that the revolutionary movement is "Olive Green" (the color of the rebel uniforms) and not "Red." It is nationalistic and humanistic but not communistic. He writes:

"Along with many other small nations that are expressing intense nationalism and independent government Cubans feel that the day of their complete independence has come, and they ask to be respected. At the same time, a good portion of their energies is spent in proving to the U.S.A. and to the rest of the world that what they are doing is the will of the Cuban people, and that it is not Red, but Olive Green—it is Cuba's own program, no matter what it is; therefore, they say, "Don't worry about us . . . believe in us . . ."

"A measure of the hope and confidence of the Cuban people can be seen in the new Advance Program of the Methodist Church in Cuba, adopted in the Annual Conference in Santa Clara, July 4. It call for the Cuban church to

raise \$100,000.00 in four years. It emphasizes pioneer rural work in the Sierra Maestra, and other isolated areas, has created a new district in Oriente called 'Sierra Maestra District'; the program has created an Advance Strategy Committee to raise and manage the fund, and to re-study every phase of the Methodist Church in Cuba, with the purpose of re-shaping its school system, its use of workers, its rural program, its use of missionary funds, the best way to help students.

"This advance so inspired the Annual Conference that \$34,000.00 was pledged immediately after the Advance program was adopted. That means something when we realize that year after year the same church was not meeting an extension fund goal of 3 cents per month per member which would have been \$3,240.00 a year.

"The Church, in the Annual Conference, expressed confidence in the revolution, but, being the Church, it, more than once, reminded its people that for years the Methodist Church has been proclaiming a message aimed at correcting Cuba's ills, and that we have a Lord and Saviour who leads us far beyond a materialistic answer to man's tremendous need. It also reminded us that man, in whatever he does, stands under God's judgment—and that Cuba's real need continues to be the proclamation and the acceptance of the Gospel of Christ."

New Posts at F.S.C.

The appointment of J. Birney Gross as assistant to the president for academic affairs, and David L. Readdick as assistant to the president for business affairs, was announced last month by Florida Southern College.

Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., president of the Methodist college, said that both Gross and Readdick assumed their new duties prior to the opening of the autumn semester on Sept. 25.

Gross came to FSC last year as a general assistant to the president. He is a graduate of DePauw University, holds advanced degrees in theology from Drew University, and has recently completed work for the doctor of philosophy degree at Peabody College. He is a clerical member of the Florida Methodist Conference.

A graduate of FSC with a master's degree from Ohio State University, Readdick joined the college faculty in 1946. He has also attended the University of Florida and Pennsylvania State University. Last year, he was appointed assistant dean of students at Florida Southern.

Acting President At Scarritt

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Rev. D. D. Holt, director of financial promotion for the Methodist



Holt

Commission on Christian Higher Education, has been elected acting president of Scarritt College here for the 1959-60 school year.

He will assume immediately the duties formerly exercised by the Rev. Dr. Foye G. Gibson, who resigned to become administrator of Asbury Acres, Maryville, Tenn., the Holston Methodist Conference's new home for the retired.

Mr. Holt was elected September 14 by the Scarritt board of trustees, meeting at the Methodist Board of Education building here. Announcement of his election was made by Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, president of the board.

"We consider ourselves fortunate," said Bishop Short, "to have on loan from the Methodist Board of Education a man of Mr. Holt's caliber. This will give us more time to select a president for the school."

While he is acting president of Scarritt, Mr. Holt will continue to have certain commitments to the Commission on Christian Higher Education, and no successor will be named, said the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, director of the commission and general secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Methodist Board of Education.

Mr. Holt, a native of North Carolina, has been director of financial promotion for the Commission on Christian Higher Education for three years. Before coming to the commission, he was for four years executive director

of the Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina. Before that, he was for seven years pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, N. C.

He also has served as pastor of Methodist churches in Charlotte and Davidson, N. C., and in Charlottesville, Lynchburg, and Portsmouth, Va.

He holds bachelor of arts and bachelor of divinity degrees from Duke University, Durham, N. C.

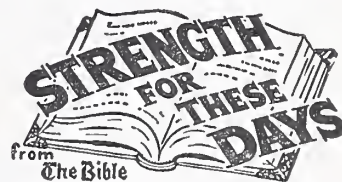
The Commission on Christian Higher Education, with the Methodist Board of Education, is promoting Methodism's 1956-60 emphasis on Christian higher education.

As director of financial promotion for the commission, Mr. Holt has worked with Methodist annual (regional) conferences, conference commissions on Christian higher education, and college boards of trustees in seeking better financial support of the colleges and universities related to the Methodist Board of Education.

Total Methodist giving for current operation of the schools in 1957-58, the latest year for which national totals are available, was \$8,378,000, an increase of about \$1,300,000 over the previous year.

Scarritt College is owned by the General Conference of The Methodist Church and has a special relationship to the Methodist Board of Missions.

The college has provided some part or all of the training for approximately 40 per cent of the Methodist missionaries. It also trains Christian education directors and other lay church workers. The college's graduates now serve in nearly every state of the union and in about 55 countries abroad.



Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me.—(St. John 14:1).

Some of us in our quest for the Truth, become so confused and unhappy because we cannot seem to comprehend, to understand as we feel we ought. But Jesus, Who was sent by God the Father to be our guiding light, shows us the way in such simple, understandable words that we should never falter.

Lay Activities Board Meets



R. Howard Berg

The Methodist Church's General Board of Lay Activities, meeting in annual session in Chicago Sept. 10-12, listened to encouraging reports of significant growth, gave a testimonial dinner to its retiring president, and set a goal of 5,000 delegates for the next national conference of Methodist Men.

Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary, reported that the most significant advances during the quadrennium continued to be in the field of stewardship and finance, especially in the Simultaneous Every Member Canvass. He said that 14 annual conferences, comprising 107 districts, have launched the Simultaneous Every Member Canvass programs.

He pointed out that the goal originally set by the 1956 General Conference of 12,500 chartered clubs of Methodist Men during this quadrennium had been attained more than 14 months ahead of schedule. He also announced that the Methodist Men's Radio Hour program had been carried last year on 421 stations.

Ray H. Nichols, Vernon, Texas, newspaper editor and publisher, who has headed the board since 1944, was honored at a testimonial dinner. He will retire as president at the end of this fiscal year. His own episcopal leader, Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, was the principal speaker at the dinner.

Bishop Martin said, "What we need in our world today is a renewal of the sense of the importance of the individual." He paid tribute to Mr. Nichols as a man who "has never lost the sense of being a personality."

"The dimensions of a man's life

are determined," Bishop Martin declared, "by the causes he devotes himself to through the years."

R. Howard Berg of Melbourne, Fla., vice president of the board, presided at the dinner and read a written tribute to Mr. Nichols by the general secretary emeritus, Dr. George L. Morelock of Miami, Fla.

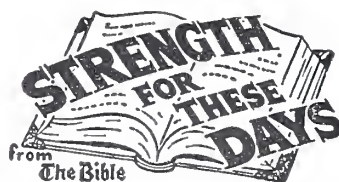
Telegrams were received from Bishop Glenn R. Phillips of Denver, a member of the board's executive committee, and Bishop Arthur J. Moore of the Atlanta Area. Dr. Mayfield and two members of the board—Richard W. Campbell of Altoona, Pa., and Robert P. Lay of Gilliam, La.—spoke briefly.

In his response Mr. Nichols called upon the church "to arouse in men the feeling that they are citizens of the world and that they have obligations over and beyond their home and families."

Decrying the pessimistic mood of many leaders today, he said, "Our gospel was made for emergencies, for times like these that try men's souls."

The board set a goal of 5,000 delegates for the Third Conference of Methodist Men, which is to be held on the campus of Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., July 14-16, 1961. Nearly 3,700 were present at the last national conference.

Much of the time of the general meeting was devoted to shaping up proposed changes in the Discipline relative to the work of lay activities, to be submitted to the 1960 General Conference.



Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. — (I Corinthians 13:1.)

What is charity? It is a friendly smile, a kind word, an unselfish act which seeks no return; it is patience and tolerance; it is giving of ourselves; it is forgiveness; it is considering the feelings of others; it is brotherly love.

Host at Dinner

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GA.—Leaders of the World Methodist

Council paid tribute to the Rev. Dr. Elmer T. Clark of Lake Junaluska, N. C., here Sept. 9 on the occasion of his 72nd birthday.

He was feted at a dinner meeting of the council's executive committee, which met here to plan the 1961 World Methodist Conference to be held in Oslo, Norway. Dr. Clark is an executive secretary of the council, which



Bishop Moore

maintains its American headquarters at Lake Junaluska.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., was the host at the dinner. He and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, Mo., immediate past president of the council and a college classmate of Dr. Clark's, reviewed the 50 years of service Dr. Clark has given to Methodism in numerous posts.

Appropriate gifts and testimonials were presented by Dr. Harold Roberts of Richmond, England, council president; Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin of Little Rock, Ark., Dr. Clark's native state; the Rev. James S. Mather of Colombo, Ceylon; the Rev. James W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent of the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly; Miss Dorothy McConnell of New York, an editor of *World Outlook* and former co-worker of Dr. Clark when he was editor; Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich of Frankfurt, Germany, and other council members.

"The greatest tragedy is not the suffering of the Church but the inability to see any difference between its goals and those of the world."—The Rev. Dr. James S. Thomas, Nashville, Tenn., associate director, Department of Secondary and Higher Education, Board of Education.

National Convocation Of Methodist Youth

By WILLIAM M. HEARN
Methodist Information

WEST LAFAYETTE, IND.—Theology, jazz, Eleanor Roosevelt, the Mary Anthony dancers, Holy Communion. Name it the National Convocation of Methodist Youth had it.

The Southern Methodist University Chorus, Dave Brubeck and his jazz combo, Harold Stassen, Odetta (a guitar-playing Negro

problem of the relation of the individual to a highly organized society.

The third night, jazz, interpretive dancing, and singing moved to the center of the stage in a production dealing with race relations and the history and development of jazz.

The last night, Eleanor Roosevelt, Harold Stassen, and others took part in a panel discussion on international affairs.

There were addresses, interest groups, and many other activities each day of the meeting.

Reactions to the convocation fare were as varied as the backgrounds of the 6,000 persons attending.

Platform coordinator for the convocation was the Rev. Dr. Theodore A. Gill, president of San Francisco Theological Seminary and former managing editor of *The Christian Century*.

Dr. Gill described himself as a case-hardened and inveterate conference-trotter, and then said on the next-to-the-last day of the meeting:

"I think this conference is light-years ahead of any conference I have ever seen or heard about in this country."

Many seemed to agree with Dr. Gill, for when he presented the director and associate director of the convocation, the Rev. Charles H. Boyles and Wilson Yates, both of Nashville, Tenn., they received a standing ovation.

However, many were less enthusiastic, and some took opposite points of view.

Some of the delegates were shocked and confused by some of what they saw and heard—for instance, endeavors to present religion through jazz, dancing, and the worldly character of Broadway plays. And a question heard several times was, "What am I going to tell the folks back home?"

In advance publicity on the convocation, Mr. Boyles said, "Few people will agree with everything that is said. No one is expected to. The Christian community demands, however, that everyone listen to other points of view. These can be heard even if they are disagreed with. It is important, therefore, that all persons remove the social, regional, intellectual, and theological chips from their shoulders long before they arrive at the Purdue campus."

Apparently, some of the delegates did not read this or forgot it.

The Call to the Convocation said that a purpose of it was to "stretch sights, attempt perspective, and approach the big questions." It would appear that this

was accomplished to some extent.

The Call also said that the convocation was called "to proclaim once more that God speaks in the personal, cultural, and international crises of this time." And this point was emphasized in many ways, some of them off-beat to say the least.

But undoubtedly many of the delegates went home wondering, "How does God speak in the personal, cultural, and international crises of this time?"

The convocation, with all its "saturation bombing," did not—nor did it expect to—give simple, clear-cut answers to that. That is a question each delegate will have to decide.

Bishop Northcott To Retire in 1960

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, head of The Wisconsin Area since 1943, has announced he will retire at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference in Grand Rapids, Mich., July 7-10 next year. Physical limitations resulting



WILLIAM M. HEARN

folk singer), and Methodist Bishop Richard C. Raines were only a few of the program principals.

The quadrennial convocation was planned and sponsored by the self-directing National Conference of Methodist Youth. About 6,000 persons attended the meeting August 24-28 at Purdue University. More than 1,000 of that number were adult leaders, many of them ministers.

The opening night drama, which was supposed to explore the convocation theme, "Man's Need and God's Action," started with two pistol shots in a Western cowtown, shifted to the Garden of Eden, and eventually wound up back in the cowtown, after visiting a Beatnik night spot and other places on the way.

Entitled "The Shepherd," the first-night drama, in the words of a convocation official, "was organized around the recurring theme of the Good Shepherd rejected by men. It attempted to show man's condition—his estrangement from man and from God. Also implied in the Shepherd theme was God's action—his efforts to reconcile the world to Himself."

The second night, scenes from Broadway plays depicted the



BISHOP H. C. NORTHCOTT

from thrombosis he suffered last November were given as the reason for his retirement four years earlier than would be required under church law. The bishop stated that despite the great physical improvement he has made since his illness last year, it has become "increasingly evident" that "I still would not be able to render this area or any other area for the coming four years the normal service which an area has a right to expect of its bishop." Bishop Northcott was elected to the episcopacy in 1943 after a 20-year pastorate in the First Methodist Church, Champaign, Ill.

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Mrs. C. D. Williams

The RESIGNATION OF Mrs. C. D. Williams, Fla. Conference Woman's Society, Chairman of The Committee on Nominations is announced by The Conference President, Mrs. Weems. It is with much regret this resignation is accepted because of illness. The Standing Committee on Committees of the Fla. Conference Woman's Society, Mrs. David R. Thurman, chairman, announces the appointment of Mrs. W. L. Ted-



Mrs. Tedder

der of Live Oak as the new chairman. Mrs. Tedder is a member of the Tallahassee District and resides at 711 S. Pine Ave., Live Oak, Fla.

OCTOBER FIRST:—brings to us many important events. October 4th, the first Sunday is important in the lives of all Christians, for on that Sunday we observe WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY which is sponsored by the Department of Evangelism of The National Council of Churches in New York City. This is a fitting

opening for the many events of the month in the life of Methodist Women—for in this month we study "THE UNITED NATIONS IN WORLD AFFAIRS." The program for the month is planned around "The Good News of Peace and Life." We commend to you the Scripture meditation found in Genesis 22:1-18 verses, telling "The story of Abraham's Near Sacrifice of his son Isaac on a mountain in the ancient land of Moriah with an important message for us in our revolutionary nuclear-space age with its life and death decisions. Let us pause to think of our rapidly changing world hurtling toward possible sacrifice of most of mankind or else by the grace of God and the obedience of man, toward a more abundant life for all" (a quote from a meditation in the Worship booklet for Society programs by Kenneth L. Maxwell).

To refresh our minds on the Charter of the United Nations we would like to give you two paragraphs from the Preamble:—"WE, THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS determine to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, AND TO THESE ENDS: —to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and to unite our strength to maintain international peace and to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples, HAVE RESOLVED TO COMBINE OUR EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH THESE AIMS."

We, of the Woman's Societies

will want to emphasize UNITED NATIONS DAY, October 24th and to co-operate in local plans for the promotion of UNICEF. Also of particular importance is the program of THE WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL, Oct. 25-31st. The emphasis this year in the Foreign work will be in Africa, providing for Christian Literature, Schools and Staff Houses and Christian Social Centers. In the Home Fields the emphasis will be upon TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK, providing equipment for the Rural Church and Community Workers in the Vale Community Centers, Pharr, Texas, also The Dulac Indian Center, Dulac, Louisiana. It is hoped each Society will observe the QUIET DAY, using material prepared by Margaret T. Apple-garth "THE SECRET OF HIS PRESENCE."

These are the Jacksonville Presidents who attended the School of Missions this year. Left to right they are: Mrs. Jerry



Stockton, Swaim Memorial; Mrs. Wm. Corlew, Westconnett; Mrs. Ralph Perkins, District President; Mrs. B. F. Bethune, Spring Glen; Mrs. W. H. Mathews, Riverside Park.

ATTENTION DISTRICT OFFICERS and others:—A Conference Committee composed of Mrs. H. V. Weems, Mrs. Virgil Morgan, Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy and Mrs. T. M. Rickards, Jr., was formed to conduct PILOT STUDIES ON EMPLOYED WOMEN AND THE CHURCH. This committee is a growth of studies conducted this summer in The Southeastern Jurisdiction School of Missions Clinics conducted by Mrs. Clifford Bender, Miss Helen Johnson and Miss Lillian Johnson. It is hoped all Districts will begin working on

these Studies at once, since November 20th is the date when these reports will be received by the Conference Sec. of Promotion, MRS. VIRGIL MORGAN.

Mrs. Howard Weems and Mrs. T. M. Rickards, Jr., delegates to the **METHODIST CONFERENCE on HUMAN RELATIONS** send to us the following report:—**WE WERE THERE!!! METHODIST** from all over the United States and overseas. **WHEN?** August 31st-Sept. 4. **WHERE—SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**, Dallas, Texas. **WHY?** To meet and work with other cultures on **HUMAN RELATIONS**—to share ideas—to **FACE** problems on **HOUSING—EDUCATION — EMPLOYMENT**. **WHO?** 10 agencies of your Methodist Church. **YOU ARE THE CHURCH**—What does your **CHURCH** believe? Only as each person receives the Grace of God himself can he transform himself, The Local Church—The Community—The World! We must start where we are—to **WITNESS**—we are the responsible! **WILL YOU?**

ITEMS OF INTEREST:—DISTRICT SECRETARIES OF PUBLIC RELATIONS—Keep your news items coming. We must have your **NEWS** by the **FIFTEENTH** of each month. Publicity is one of our best tools for **GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS**—let us use it.

Mrs. G. A. Griffis, Sec. of Public Relations for the West Palm Beach District reports the first of two District Seminars was held in Pompano Beach Sept. 10th with 167 members and guests present. West Palm Beach District now has forty Societies including two new ones this year. One at Juno Methodist Church and the other at St. Lukes, at Florida Garden, Lake Worth.

Mrs. Wayne Thompson reports 347 members and guest attended The Jacksonville District Seminar. This number included 17 ministers. Miss Virginia Burner, Jacksonville District Sec. of The Wesleyan Service Guild reports 110 Guilders and 18 guests present for The Guild Seminar. These two meetings were held in the Lakeshore Methodist Church. Mrs. Paul Stewart, Conference Sec. of Missionary Education and Service was the guest. Both programs were very well prepared, and received.

Mrs. Geo. Williams—Vice-president of the Jacksonville District speaking at the Seminar on Program Building gave the following recipe for building good programs at Guild and Society meetings. The Recipe is for a **"LIGHT CAKE"**—it has twelve layers—one layer being mixed each month of the year, but before it goes into the oven we will have a feast—for we are going to taste each layer month by month—and

when the last morsel has been eaten—we will be so full of Inspiration, Information and Christian Fellowship—we will indeed "shine as the brightness of the firmament" (a quotation from the book of Daniel 12-13). In any recipe that are basic ingredients and so it is with us—1st—flour—the flour of inspiration. Each program approached with a prayerful and receptive spirit—a true feeling of inspiration and dedication. 2nd: Eggs—with-out eggs permeating our cake it will be heavy and uninteresting. Likewise our programs must be informative, interesting and meaningful. 3rd Sugar—the sweetness of fellowship. This is the one that will help us in the mixing of all the others—blending to-gether Worship, Study, Action and Play. A few Secret ingredients—little extras—that make people ask for your individual recipe. First, you have a choice of flavoring (vanilla, lemon, almond, etc.) or you might use food coloring, this will give you the all important ingredient of variety. A filmstrip—a good old fashion Hymn sing—a Special guest, now and then. Your own imagination will go a long way. Another secret ingredient is **SALT**. Put a little **HUMOR** in the program, just a pinch, for a little humor, like salt, goes a long way, but it will bring out all the goodness and enhance the flavor. Timing is very important in the cooking—do not overbake and under cook. This will be a successful cake, because you have lots of help in preparing it—first the wonderful writers of the basic recipe and your five Secretaries of lines of work—who keep **ACTIVE** all the year. The real success of our cake is when it is eaten and enjoyed by others and as our members digest the ingredients we place before them, they too "will shine as the brightness of the firmament" and as their love and concern are directed toward the dark spots of the world they—"shall shine as the stars forever and ever."

MISS HELEN FENNEMA AND MISS NOLA SMEE, Deaconess and former members of the Faculty of Boylan Haven School for

girls, have been assigned to Jacksonville and are now with us, to assist a local committee with studies of Community needs in Jacksonville in order to make a recommendation to The Woman's Division, Dept. of Work in Home Fields as to new work in Jacksonville. **MISS FENNEMA** is assigned as **THE HEAD WORKER** and **MISS SMEE** the assistant. Their address is 342 W. 17th St., Jacksonville 6, Fla.

The **UNITED CHURCH WOMEN OF JACKSONVILLE** in a recent Board of Managers meeting had the pleasure of hearing **EARLE RABB** the son of the **LAKELAND DISTRICT** President Mrs. Earle Rabb. Earle was in Jacksonville to speak to a Youth group regarding the organization of The United Christian Youth Movement an "arm" of the Florida Council of Churches. He explained the **UCYM** as an organization "to bring to-gether Christian Youths seeking to fulfill the mission of Christ through sharing off conviction, concerns and experiences. Earle is a pre-ministerial student in his Junior year at the University of Florida and is President of the **U.C.Y.M.** of Fla. Other officers in the Florida organization are; Paula Wilder of Tampa, Vice-Pres. Jack Trufant of New Port Richey, Secretary and Ken Rees of Jacksonville, Treasurer.

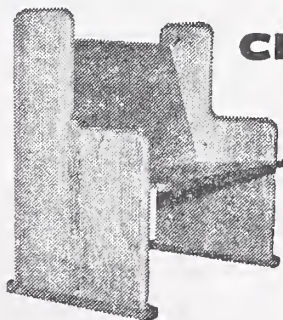
The **AD-INTERIM** Executive Committee of The Fla. Conference Woman's Society will be held Oct. 20-22 at The Presbyterian Conference Center, Lake Placid, Fla.

Youthful Accent

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by parental neglect? Who can rise to defend such parental failures as anything different from Brother de Los Santos' crime in principle?

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK

The Rev. Alva H. Brock, pastor of the Clearview Church, St. Petersburg, led a devotional service in which the young people sealed and placed on the altar letters which they had written to themselves and which will be returned to them as a later date to climax



Youth Week, Ft. Myers

the Youth Activities Week at First Church, Ft. Myers. Other ministers giving leadership in the school included the Rev. John Few and the Rev. and Mrs. John J. Rooks.

The Youth of the Good Shepherd Church and the Marietta Church, both of Jacksonville, joined for a Youth Week at the church in August. Forty young people enrolled with an average attendance of 26.

The Rev. Robert Bledsoe of Haines City and the Rev. Allan Stuart of Avon Park assisted the pastor, the Rev. Ed. Dinkins, in a Youth Week at Frostproof that attracted an average nightly attendance of 68 with a peak attendance of 96 on the closing night.

The Rev. Gary Demarest, a national Secretary of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was the inspirational speaker for Youth Activities Week at First Church, Ft. Pierce, this year.

The Rev. Dick England, the Rev. Roy Fiske, Dr. Pat Harde-man, the Rev. Frank Thompson, the Rev. Eldon Simmons, and Dr. Laurie G. Ray were the guest speakers for a Youth Week held at Hyde Park, Tampa, and in which the Youth of Trinity, Bayshore and Interbay churches also participated.

Southside Estates, Jacksonville, had an average attendance of 49 youth and workers at a recent Youth Emphasis Week and received an offering of \$48.00 for the missionary work of "Spotty" Spottswood in the Philippines. The Rev. Paul Hartsfield and Miss Kay Reeves taught courses and college students from Jacksonville

churches were the inspirational speakers.

New Pastoral Appointments

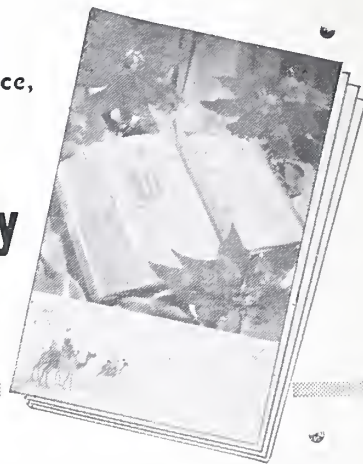
Bishop Arthur J. Moore announces the following pastoral appointments made since the June session of the Annual Con-

ference:

Ballard Wilson, Associate, First Church, Tampa; E. C. McMullen (S), Mayo; Taylor W. Hayes (RS), Nocatee; Eugene Pelt (PS), Lochloosa; Edward Warren, Westwood Lake; Richard McClintock (AS), DeLeon Springs; Howard R. Porter, student, Duke Divinity School; Wesley Wilder, Zellwood; Emory Cartrett, Ocoee.

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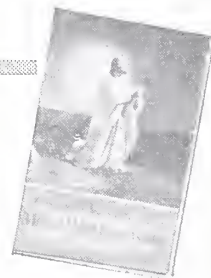
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Purely Personal

The Rev. Robert John Gisler, pastor of Snyder Memorial, Jacksonville, participated in the installation of the Very Reverend Charles Leighton McGavern as Dean of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral on September 13. Mr. R. Hudson Oliff, Jacksonville attorney and Snyder Memorial's Church School Superintendent, spoke in the pastor's stead.

Dr. Stephen Peronis, WFLA-TV news commentator, was the speaker at Methodist Men at First Church, St. Petersburg, last month.

The Rev. and Mrs. John F. Clark, retired member of the Florida Conference, have purchased a home and now are living in Bowling Green where they formerly served from 1935-1940. Mrs. Clark recently had surgery on one eye for cataract and glaucoma and will undergo similar surgery on the other eye very soon.

Mrs. Owen C. Driskell, wife of the pastor, is serving as choir director at Trinity church, Lakeland.

Mrs. Leroy Northrup, Conference Secretary of Youth Work for the W.S.C.S., has been named Educational Assistant at Community Church, Daytona Beach.

Allan Burry of Belle Glade was installed as the president of the newly formed National Student Christian Federation of the National Council of Churches in ceremonies at Oberlin College (Ohio) last month. Mr. Burry was president of the United Student Christian Council, one of the groups which merged to form the new Federation. He also is a past president of the Methodist Student Movement and is senior at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Methodist church leaders of Kentucky and West Tennessee have voted to express their thanks for the 15-year leadership of Bishop William T. Watkins by providing him with a retirement home when he retires later this month because of ill health.

Dr. Marvin H. Osborne, Montverde; the Rev. Elliott S. Ritch, Jr., Murray Hill, Jacksonville; the Rev. Henry A. Guy, First Church, Kissimmee; and the Rev. Harris DeWese, Sr., Northwood, West

Palm Beach, are among the more than 340 Methodist evangelistic leaders from 40 states who have registered to go to the Southern California - Arizona Conference later this month to assist in a conference-wide evangelistic campaign.

The Rev. Benjamin Senti, who was pastor of the Methodist church at Manzanillo, Cuba, when the Rev. Harold Miller of First church, Dade City, was in Cuba on a preaching mission sometime ago, was a weekend guest at the Dade City parsonage in mid September. He was accompanied by his wife and two children, and spoke at the Sunday morning worship service on the 13th.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore commissioned the Rev. Richard A. Petry, former pastor of Jacksonville's Wesconnett Church, as a missionary to serve in South America at services held at First Church, Jacksonville, on September 14. Mrs. Petry will accompany her husband to his new field of service.

Bishops Marvin A. Franklin and Roy H. Shert and the Rev. Daniel E. Taylor, of the General Board of World Peace, represented The Methodist Church in a group of 100 clergymen and others which called on President Eisenhower last month to assure him that he has the backing of church people in the nation in his efforts to achieve world peace.

Mr. Forrest McGinley is the new director of children and youth choirs at Community Church, Daytona Beach.

The Rev. and Mrs. Melton Ware of First Church, Jacksonville, spent a month touring England this summer visiting scenes that were familiar to Dr. Ware during the nearly 3 years he spent in that country during the war.

Miss Ellen Atkinson, missionary to Sibu, spoke at First church, Fort Meade, early in September. She showed slides and related many interesting experiences in her work among Chinese and Iban peoples in Borneo and Sarawak.

The Rev. Barclay Jackson, pastor at Southside Estates, Jacksonville, preached this summer at the Old Mt. Gilead (Georgia) Camp Ground. Mr. Jackson's grandfather, the late Rev. Charles J. Oliver, was one of the preachers at this 125 year old camp ground during the early years of

this century and his father, the late F. Howard Jackson, was the Camp Ground treasurer for 30 years.

M. Y. F. Corner

The content of the National Youth Convocation was presented in dramatic form at Morrison Memorial, Leesburg, by the youth of that church and the young people from the Fruitland Park Church on September 13. The service was led by the Rev. Al Weston, pastor at Fruitland Park, and the Rev. Lee Paulk, associate at Morrison Memorial.

The MYF at Good Shepherd Church, Jacksonville, has recently tiled the floor in the Bed Nursery. They also purchased a lovely picture, Sallman's "Head of Christ," for the new Chapel.

Members of the Senior M.Y.F. of Trinity church, Lakeland, are selling note paper to raise funds for installing a tile floor in one of the new Sunday school rooms and at the same time they are making a generous monthly contribution to the new parsonage fund.



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GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

The Rev. R. W. Owen, retired member of the Central New York Conference, is pastor of the new Florida Gardens congregation being formed in the West Palm Beach District. Thirty-five persons attended the first service held in the Club House and the developer has donated land for a parsonage.

The name of the Normandy Boulevard Church, Jacksonville, has been changed to Good Shepherd Methodist Church.

Four famous paintings furnished the inspiration for a series of sermons by the Rev. George O. Parish of the Lakewood Park church, Lakeland, during September, under the title of "Pictures That Preach." The Masterpieces chosen were "The Rich Young Ruler" (Hofman); "The Lost Sheep" (Soord); "Breaking Home Ties" (Havenden); and "The Last Supper" by De Vinci.

The Rev. Claude Stanfield reports that First church, Fort Meade, has acquired a tape recorder to be used to take Sunday worship services into the homes of shut-ins and others who may not be able to get to church because of illness or for some other reason.

The trustees of the Ebenezer Church, Sanford, have just purchased 7 acres of land adjoining their present property for \$12,000. This price includes several houses. The Rev. William Ed Timms reports that 450 new houses recently have been erected in this area and 250 more will be built very soon.

First church, Dade City, has resumed broadcasting the early service on Sundays over a local radio station.

Jacksonville's new Marietta church, organized May 14, had an average attendance of 78 at its first Vacation Church School this summer. Led by the Rev. Don Richardson, this growing congregation meets in the Civic Center at present.

The Rev. George O. Parrish is trying to discover who it was who recently "invaded" Lakeland's Lakewood Park church grounds. It seems that someone moved in quietly and cut the long grass that the church's small mower couldn't handle. He wants to say "Thank you."

There Soon Won't Be Any Good Hymns Left

By PIERCE HARRIS

(This article, copied from the WESLEYAN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, appeared originally in the ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION on Sunday, August 9th. The following night it was endorsed by the Board of Stewards of the Druid Hills Methodist Church, Atlanta, and it has continued to attract comment pro and con.)

If the various commissions and committee on hymnology don't quit fiddling with our Methodist hymnal there's not going to be a single song left in the book the average man can sing.

They've just closed out a meeting on the Ministry of Music at Lake Junaluska in which they put the whammy on two of the best-loved hymns, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Blessed Assurance—Jesus Is Mine."

That committee would have rendered the Methodist church a better service if they'd been off somewhere helping some country preacher in a revival meeting, instead of pontificating on gospel hymns that have blessed a multitude of people for many years, and will for many years to come.

I go along with them when they say there is no place for jazz in church music, but when they rule out almost every song that has a tune and tells a story, we part company.

The hymns mentioned may be inadequate as the committee claims, but the inadequacy doesn't reach the throngs that gather at our church every Sunday night and have for 19 years, who have their hearts lifted on the wings of song.

Along with practically abandoning the highways and hedges, where the Methodist church first laid its foundations, for the crowded city sidewalks, there is a trend to formalism that leaves the average Methodist heart cold. It is especially noticeable in the music of the modern church where Bach and 14th Century music are deemed not only desirable, but exclusively necessary.

If you're looking for the reason why so many churches are closed on Sunday night, or else are struggling along, making a dying gasp for the benefit of a few people huddled here and there in the almost empty sanctuary, then examine the music and you probably won't have to look any farther.

To this stilted and unsingable music, add a preacher who is best known for his painful and platitudinous philosophical ponderosi-

ties and you've got a perfect picture why so many people had rather stay home Sunday night and cook hamburgers in the back yard.

I am especially stirred up over the backhanded blow aimed at "Blessed Assurance." One of the greatest hours I ever saw in a church was while the people sang "Blessed Assurance," and under its inspiring invitation a dozen men who had never made any pretense to religion walked down the aisle, gave the preacher their hard and the Lord their lives, and some of them have been active in the church for nearly 40 years. Is such a song, a song that has served the cause of Christ so faithfully for over a hundred years, to be junked just because a committee on hymnology thinks it is inadequate? I rather think not.

Back Yonder

Way back yonder, I sat down and decided what sort of preacher I wanted to be. One the common people heard gladly. Then I decided what sort of music I wanted to go along with that kind of preaching, and I fixed on mainly those simple songs that have a tune and tell a story. The sort your mother used to sing when she was cooking dinner. I'll stick with my choices—as will thousands of others who know and love the simple old gospel songs—commission or no commission.

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Message to the Churches From the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council

Adopted at Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia, Sept. 11, 1959

The Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council met from September 9 to 12, 1959 at Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia, close to the historic towns and villages where John and Charles Wesley, in the days before their evangelical conversion, exercised their ministry on American soil.

The meeting marked a further stage in the steady growth of the World Methodist Council into complete unity of purpose and policy.

Much time and attention were given to preparations for the Tenth World Methodist Conference, to be held at Oslo, Norway from August 17 to 25, 1961.

The unifying theme of the Conference will be **New Life in the Spirit**, and all the addresses and discussions will be centered in this. For it is in the understanding and proclamation of the work of the Holy Spirit in the world that Methodism makes its specific contribution to the thought and life of the Universal Church.

The doctrine of the Holy Spirit as it is set out in Scripture and has been explored and interpreted by the Church, the family of God, and not least by Methodism, will be a major concern of the Conference.

The life which comes from the Holy Spirit is not only manifested in the Church and in the individual believer; it is available for the whole of human society. In the light of this truth the Conference will consider several of the ethical, economic, social and international issues of our time, with special emphasis on the problems of the family and of modern youth.

The communication of the Gospel to the men and women of our time must necessarily occupy the prayerful thought of the Conference, and the problems and opportunities which arise from the living relationship of Methodism to other communions within Christ's Church will demand careful consideration.

The Oslo Conference cannot have its full effect unless there is careful and continued preparation in the minds of those who attend it, and of many others beyond the delegates to the Conference, in all the Methodist churches of the world.

Material for study and consultation will be sent out to them in the course of the coming year, and the Committee hopes that abundant and sustained use will

be made of this, in order that the discussion groups which will play a large part in the proceedings of the Conference may be fruitful and constructive.

The Committee was much encouraged by the news of the great success of the Regional Conference of the North American Section in Philadelphia, U.S.A., the European Youth Conference in Stuttgart, Germany, the European Consultative Conference in Bristol, England, and the South African Regional Conference in Salisbury Southern Rhodesia, which have all taken place during the last year.

The Conference in Salisbury disclosed with great clarity the pressures of racialism and nationalism among which the Church in Africa must operate, and demonstrated the urgent need for a common Methodist witness in these days of crucial decision for the African continent.

The Committee scrutinized the plans for closer Christian unity which are being made in many parts of the world. It also considered ways in which the World Methodist Council may be reorganized on a federal basis, so that the occasional overlapping of Methodist evangelistic work can be avoided and the world-wide Methodist family more closely knit together.

The schemes, already well-advanced, for the histories of British Methodism and of American Methodism were reviewed, and the initiation of a campaign of evangelism in schools and colleges all over the world was referred to a group of experts for serious study. The developing work of the World Federation of Methodist Women was reported and welcomed.

All these are matters of vital concern to every Methodist in every land. It is the fervent hope and prayer of the Committee that they will be taken deeply to heart by all members of the Methodist Church whatever their language and whatever their country, that we may act at all times under the Lordship of Jesus Christ in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. When there is so much of despair in our contemporary world the Methodist Church will continue to preach the gospel of hope.

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EPWORTH-BY-THE-SEA, ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GEORGIA—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt's fifty years of ministry, divided among a professor's chair, the pastorate and the episcopacy, were lauded by international voices here September 11.

The golden anniversary of this ecumenical leader's ordination



Bishop Holt

was celebrated at a formal dinner held in connection with the 1959 meeting of the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council. Bishop Holt is a former president of the Council and has personally visited every branch of Methodism related to the Council.

The speakers included the Rev. Dr. Harold Roberts, principal of Richmond College, Surrey, and chairman of the theological faculty of London University; the Rev. Dr. E. Benson Perkins, Birmingham, England; the Rev. James S. Mather, Colombo, Ceylon, and Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

Dr. Roberts succeeded Bishop Holt as the leader of the ecumenical movement within Methodism. Dr. Perkins and Dr. Clark are secretaries of the World Methodist Council and the Rev. Mr. Mather is a vice president. Bishop Arthur J. Moore of the Atlanta Area presided.

Bishop Holt is a one-time president of the former Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. He has been intimately related to all the conferences leading to the formation of the World Council of Churches. His response to the tributes paid him was an historical account of the remarkable ecumenical progress in the five decades since his ordination.

Change in Drinking Habits

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The greatest change in drinking habits in recent years has occurred among the women of the country, according to Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance here.

He said that latest Gallup Poll statistics indicate that 55 per cent of the nation's women now abstain, compared to only 46 per cent two years ago.

If this present trend continues, Dr. Hooton explained, by 1960 nearly 60 per cent of the women in the United States will not drink.

Noting that there are many non-drinkers among outstanding women leaders in government, radio, television, the theatre, and numerous other professions, Dr. Hooton told of a letter which the board received from the noted "advice" columnist, Ann Landers. She wrote:

"Most women who say they must take a drink to be sociable are only kidding themselves. You will have to go a long way to find one who is more sociable than I am. Yet I have never needed liquor as a crutch. When I attend cocktail parties, as I often do, I

merely say, 'Ginger ale, please.' And I am not the least bit uncomfortable. A woman who is able to say 'no' so it sounds like 'no' and not 'maybe,' should have no problem."

Methodist Men's Hour To Resume on October 4

The 1959-60 radio program series of the Methodist Men's Hour will open the week of Oct. 4. Now in its eighth year, the program is sponsored by the church's Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, and local clubs of Methodist Men throughout the nation. For the second year the speaker will be the nationally-known minister of Chicago Temple (First Methodist Church), the Rev. Dr. Charles Ray Goff. Last season the series was carried on 421 stations in 44 of the 50 states. It was also used by stations in the Virgin Islands and in the Netherlands Antilles. Director of the program is Dr. Don Calame of Chicago.

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World Federation to Meet

The World Federation of Methodist Women, which numbers more than eight million members in 42 countries, will hold its Second Assembly Aug. 14-16, 1961, in Oslo, Norway.

The federation's meeting will be on the eve of the World Methodist Conference in Oslo on Aug. 17-25 of that year. The women delegates will also participate in the conference, sponsored by the World Methodist Council, of



Mrs. Paul Arrington

marks by German women to the Methodist Church in Ceylon to sustain evangelistic efforts, as an example of strengthening the ties of Methodist fellowship.

Following a "progress report" by Miss Dorothy McConnell of New York, editor of the **World Outlook**, on the federation's efforts to obtain consultative status at the United Nations, the council's executive committee voted its "blessing" and support of the endeavor.

Also attending the meeting were Mrs. Ottilia de O. Chaves of Brazil, immediate past president of the federation; Mrs. J. Fount Tillman of Lewisburg, Tenn., president of the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions; Mrs. T. Otto Nall, Chicago, and Dr. Dorothy Farrar of England, area vice presidents of the federation.

The announcement was made by Mrs. Paul Arrington, Jackson, Miss., vice president of the federation, at a meeting of the council's executive committee.

Mrs. Arrington also gave the federation's report for the president, Mrs. Ernst Scholz of Berlin, Germany, who was unable to attend.

"The reports of area vice presidents and other officers speak of the growing understanding for problems of other groups and nations, as well as of the necessity to emphasize the ecumenical relationship through the World Federation of Methodist Women," Mrs. Scholz's report stated.

Two new national units—Ceylon and Hong Kong—have applied for membership.

The Hong Kong unit combines three Methodist groups—the Chinese Methodist Church, the English Methodist Church and the Mandarin-speaking Methodist Church (Wai Lei Kung Woo).

Mrs. Scholz expressed the hope that this first joint unit "will set an example which we hope is a forerunner of others under similar circumstances."

In reviewing the work of Methodist women around the world, her report cited the gift of 500

marks by German women to the Methodist Church in Ceylon to sustain evangelistic efforts, as an example of strengthening the ties of Methodist fellowship.

Approve Methodist Shrines

Six sites were approved as "Methodist shrines" by the executive committee of the American Association of Historical Societies at its semi-annual meeting Sept. 8.

The committee's recommendations will be presented for action at the Methodist Church's 1960 General Conference.

Using as its definition of a shrine—"A place or object hallowed from its history or association"—the committee approved these sites:

1. Saint Simons Island, off the coast of Georgia, the scene of the colonial ministry of John and Charles Wesley in 1735-36, and now the site of the Epworth-by-the-Sea assembly grounds of Georgia Methodists.

2. The Green Hill House near Louisville, N. C., home of Major Green Hill, a Revolutionary War officer and early Methodist min-

ister, and the meeting place of the first annual conference following the official organization of the Methodist Church in America.

3. The Rehoboth church near Union, W. Va., oldest extant Protestant church west of the Alleghenies. Built in 1788, the church was visited by Bishop Francis Asbury five times, including three annual conference sessions.

4. The Wyandotte Indian Mission Chapel, restored, at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, established by the Rev. John Stewart in 1819, and which led to the organization of what is now the Methodist Board of Missions.

5. The Edward Cox house near Bluff City, Tenn. The home of an Asbury convert, the house is said

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6. McKendree Chapel near Jackson, Md. Built in 1819, it is the oldest Methodist church west of the Mississippi River. It is named for Bishop William McKendree, who is said to have preached there. Bishops George, Roberts and Soule held annual conferences there between 1819 and 1831.

The Methodist Church now has four shrines. Designated by the 1940 General Conference because of their "close association with the beginnings of Methodism in America," they are:

The log dwelling of Robert Strawbridge near New Windsor, Md.; Barratt's Chapel near Frederick, Del.; St. George's Church in Philadelphia, and the John Street Church in New York City.

The Rev. Dr. Elmer T. Clark of Lake Junaluska, N. C., executive secretary of the committee, reported that the agency is compiling a list of Methodist landmarks in every state in cooperation with *Together* magazine, which will be published later as a guidebook.

Many of these landmarks will be featured on colored maps in the November issue of *Together* in connection with the 175th anniversary of the official organization of The Methodist Church in the United States at the "Christmas Conference" of 1784 in Baltimore, Md.

Denman Visits Malaya

Dr. Harry Denman, general secretary of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, spoke seven times one Sunday during the recent Methodist evangelistic mission to Malaya.

On that Sunday morning, he addressed an English-speaking and a Chinese Methodist congregation. That afternoon, he spoke at a Chinese Methodist church, a Tamil Methodist Sunday school, and a Tamil Methodist church. That night, he again preached at the English-speaking and Chinese Methodist churches where he had spoken in the morning.

Dr. Denman's comment: "I was about spoken down!"

In his free time that Sunday, Dr. Denman talked to the principal of a Methodist girls' school and attended special services.

"We give Christ the praise for physical and spiritual strength," said the 66-year-old layman who spearheads Methodism's evangel-

istic efforts.

Dr. Denman and 11 other Americans participated in a mission to Malaya and the Philippines in July and August.

Allen to Address Laymen

Dr. Charles L. Allen, pastor at Grace Church, Atlanta, for the past 11 years, will be the chief inspirational speaker at the third



Chas. L. Allen

session of the Laymen's Conference which will be held at the Leesburg Youth Camp, October 9-11.

Dr. Allen preaches to overflow crowds in his own church every Sunday morning and evening and he gave the close address at the Laymen's Conference at Lake Junaluska this summer. He is the author of 9 books, all best sellers in the religious field, and he writes a daily column in the ATLANTA CONSTITUTION.

Other leaders who will speak include the Rev. Victor Rankin of Camaguey, Cuba; The Rev. James W. Sells, one of the executive secretaries of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Church; Mr. Nelson Gibson, Jr., Lay Leader of the North Carolina Conference; and Mr. Edwin L. Jones, Lay Leader of the Western North Carolina Conference. Mr. Jones is one of the 6 largest building contractors in the country and has offices all over the world.

An Open Letter to "The People Called Methodists"

In practically every Church in our Conference there are aged people who have no children or close kin to whom they may leave their property when they have relinquished it for a House not

made with hands. It is possible that in your own congregation there are people who would be interested in leaving their property to serve as a home for a retired minister and his wife. Such a home would be a lasting memorial and would be under the care of a Conference board of our Church. This Board devotes its time exclusively to providing and maintaining homes for our retired ministers, and wives of deceased ministers, and providing necessitous funds for emergencies in the lives of these veterans that are occasioned through sickness and doctors and hospital bills and the like. If you have not your own loved ones to whom you wish to leave that home where you have been so happy, maybe you would like to perpetuate that happiness in a lasting memorial honoring you and your loved ones, and rendering service in your name through the watchcare of your Church. . . . If you are interested, won't you talk to your minister about this wonderful opportunity for consecrated service? Or write to, The Preachers Relief Fund Trustees of the Methodist Church, Florida Conf., R. P. Permenter, Ex. Sec., Box 798, Atlantic Beach, Fla.

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Petrys Commissioned for Service in Peru



Bishop Arthur J. Moore, presiding bishop of the Florida Conference and President of the General Board of Missions, commissions the Rev. and Mrs. Richard A. Petry for missionary service in Peru at a special service held in the First Methodist Church, Jacksonville, Florida, on September 14th.

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A clergyman was once discussing with a parishioner the need to attend church.

The pastor wasn't making much headway. The parishioner kept insisting the church was fine for some people but that he didn't need to go.

Finally the pastor fired a series of questions at him.

"When you get sick, what do you do?"

"Get to a doctor or a hospital," replied the skeptic.

"When you need legal advice, what do you do?" the pastor asked.

"Go to a judge or lawyer."

"When your car won't run what do you do?"

"Take it to the garage."

Whereupon the pastor said:

"Every answer you have given shows that you go to a specialist to take care of your needs. When you're sick, you go to the hospital; when you need legal advice, you go to a lawyer; when your car won't run, you take it to a repairman."

"Why is it then," the pastor continued, "that you don't place the care of your soul in the hands of a specialist—a clergyman, whose profession has trained him to care for your spiritual needs."

The parishioner didn't answer, but he was in church the following Sunday.

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sion among students who admitted to cheating in the classroom. One student was surprised that the professors were so excited. He said he couldn't see any connection between his cheating on exams and the life he would live after he was graduated. My friend ended the conversation by saying this younger generation was a real puzzle to him.

Well, how about it? Has the moral standard of absolute honesty changed for the younger generation? Or is it the slipping of the moral level of achievement when measured against that absolute standard that really is the problem? And certainly the decline in a personal sense of integrity is not confined to the teen-aged group alone. In fact, one wonders what basis the news-boy is using as his standard. Where did he get the idea that right and wrong is determined by whether or not you get caught? And who is responsible for short-circuiting the insight of the college student who sees no correlation between his level of ethical and moral practice in the classroom on campus and the principles that will govern his practice in home, job, and social relationships when he ventures forth from the cloistered elms of old Siwash U?

Here is no effort to white-wash the younger generation who seek to play hob with the code of honesty in all relationships. But the question of responsibility is one which comes back on my shoulders—and probably yours too. Where have we been who are leaders in our churches and communities, that there should be such a low boiling point for departures from the basic integrity of religion and nation?

Seems to me a good discussion in a Youth Fellowship might help to get this in focus for the current crop of teen-agers for whom honesty is seldom an easy virtue!

Worship in Audio-Visuals

Dr. Don Lantz, religious education director for the producers of Family Films, Inc., Hollywood, Calif., will be the lecturer-consultant for a workshop in audio-visuals to be held in the White Temple Methodist Church, Miami, October 28-29, immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Florida Council of Churches in that church. The workshop will be conducted cooperatively by the Commission on Audio-Visuals of the Florida Council of Churches, the General Extension Division of Florida, Gainesville, and the White Temple Church.

Dr. Lantz is a foremost authority on audio-visuals and will bear the major burden of the instructing and consulting. However, W. D. Besselieu of Stevens Pictures, Miami; Gordon S. Cook of Ft. Lauderdale; and Hal Fischer of Phototound, Orlando, will have exhibits of equipment and materials and will assist with the workshop.

There will be sessions from 2:00-5:00 P.M. and from 7:00-9:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 28th, and a closing session from 9:00 A.M.-12 Noon on Thursday, October 29th.

Pastors, director of religious education, local church workers, and all persons responsible for or interested in the area of audio-visuals are invited and urged to attend.

The YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By HOOVER RUPERT

TRUE OR FALSE

A friend of mine who has long been related to youth through his work as a university professor and his long-time participation in the life of his church reported the other day on his encounter with a teen-ager in his neighborhood. The youth is a paper-boy and was out soliciting new subscriptions to a Detroit newspaper to which my friends has subscribed for more than ten years. The boy became quite impatient because the man refused to sign without reading a blank to become a "new subscriber" to this newspaper. The boy said he gets so many points for every new subscriber. When he was told that this home had been taking the paper for more than a decade, he replied that this didn't make any difference, "They will never check it. Just sign it and let me go on." But what he wanted a signature beneath was the statement, "I have not taken the (name of newspaper) for thirty days." My friend pointed out to the lad that this would patently be a falsehood. But again the reply was that it wouldn't make any difference "because the circulation office wouldn't check it."

My friend, who calls himself old-fashioned (which he isn't), wonders if he is definitely out of date. He recalled a recent news story about cheating on college exams which reported a discus-

"In Ten Years They May Not Want Us Any Longer"

"I'll have to go back to Africa to cool off," Mrs. Ralph Dodge remarked as she stepped out of a steaming classroom at Duke University where she had been teaching some 50 eager Methodist women about African missions this summer.

Heat and humidity, however, have no effect on her enthusiasm for her "second home," Africa below the Sahara. Already she has talked about Africa at six Southern conferences this summer, and will leave next week for a seventh conference in Virginia.

"No two countries there are alike," she says, "in climate, scenery or government. The only thing that's similar is the growing restlessness of the people."

Wife of the Methodist bishop of the Lourenco Marques Area and editor of the "Africa Christian Advocate," Mrs. Dodge has lived in Africa for nearly 17 years, first going there in 1936 when her husband took charge of city mission work in Luanda, Angola, and served as a district superintendent. She herself was principal of a mission school.

Two years later and several hundred miles away at Quessua, her husband "served as dean of a theological school in the rainy season and as a traveling superintendent in the dry season," and Mrs. Dodge was pressed into service as his secretary. Somehow there was time, also, for raising four young children, two boys and two girls. "The children all spoke fluent Portuguese before we left," she said, "but they forgot it later; and now one of them speaks it with an American accent."

The Dodges now live in Southern Rhodesia, where it takes 10 days by car to drive across the area for which they are responsible: Angola, Southern Rhodesia, the Transvaal, and Mozambique.

"We're trying desperately to train native leadership," said Mrs. Dodge. "All our pastors now are Africans, but we need more education for these pastors if we're to hold our city people. We need doctors, too, who can train others. And we need home economics teachers who can train African girls for village work."

"You know," she added, "when the African man from the village goes to the city to work, he usually leaves his family behind; then, when he has established himself, he finds he's ashamed of his ignorant country wife and children and does not want to send for them. We must somehow reach these village women."

Time may be short, Mrs. Dodge thinks, for developing leadership.

By AUBIGNE L. GERGEN

Not only do Africans want their political independence, but already some are saying, "We don't know very much about Communism, but we don't know that it can be any worse than what we've

The Old Timer



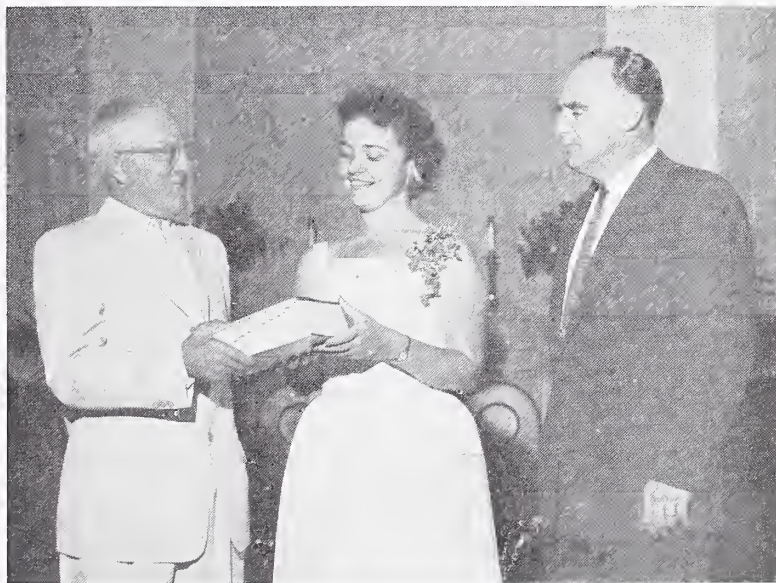
"All of us are going to do better tomorrow — and we would, too, if we started today."

got now." As for missions, she said, "It may happen in 10 years that they will not want us any longer."

"Best Sermons" Collection Includes Ten Methodists

Ten of the 42 "Best Sermons" in a recent volume by that name were preached by Methodist ministers. Made for the seventh time by Dr. G. Paul Butler, the collection includes these Methodists: The Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, New York; the Rev. Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, London; Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles; Prof. Thomas S. Kepler of Oberlin School of Theology; Prof. Paul W. Hoon of Union Theological Seminary, New York; Prof. Lawrence E. Toombs of Drew Theological Seminary; President Russell J. Humbert of DePauw University; the Rev. Dr. Laton E. Holmgren of the American Bible Society; Chaplain Charles I. Carpenter of the U. S. Air Force Academy; and the Rev. William O. Byrd, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Bryan Memorial Youth Serve the Church



On September 1st, Miss Jane Louise MacIntyre left for Cienfuegos, Cuba, where she is teaching in the Colegio-Eliza Bowman School.

Miss MacIntyre is the fifth member of Bryan Memorial Church, Miami, to enter full time Christian Service. Young men from the church now serving as effective ministers in the Florida Conference are: the Rev. Howard Albury, Jr.; the Rev. Richard England, Jr.; the Rev. Mario J. Alfonso, and the Rev. John H. Hires, Jr.

This summer Miss MacIntyre completed special studies at Scarritt College, Nashville, and also

attended the Furloughed Missionary Conference at DePauw University in Indiana.

Miss MacIntyre was honored at a service at Bryan Memorial on August 30. At this service she was presented a check for \$160.50 and also a copy of the Abingdon Bible Commentary.

Following the Service an informal "Coffee" was held in Fellowship Hall.

Pictured above is Miss MacIntyre receiving from Mr. Fred Widman, Chairman of the Official Board, a copy of the Abingdon Commentary while the pastor, Dr. Arthur R. Charlesworth, looks on.

DISTRICT MEETINGS AT TICE



More than 175 women of the Sarasota District held an all-day meeting at Tice recently when they met for their fall educational seminar. Leaders for the day, pictured above, included, left to right—Mrs. Ralph Kurtz, Ft. Myers, district president; Mrs. Virgil Morgan, Sarasota, conference secretary of promotion; Mrs. Paul Stewart, Orlando, conference secretary missionary education and service; and Mrs. Hubert Buzzard, Avon Park, conference secretary of children's work.

Another meeting held at Tice was a Sarasota District ministers' conference led by Dr. Harry H. Waller, District Superintendent. This brought together ministers from the 7 Southwest counties



that make up the Sarasota District. In the above picture, Dr. Waller, center, is shown greeting the host pastor, the Rev. James E. Ulmer, while Dr. Robert C. Holmes, Conference Secretary of Church Extension who addressed the gathering, looks on.

Days of Decision at Denver

"As Methodism looks ahead to the General Conference in Denver, starting April 27 of next year," points out Roy L. Smith in the November issue of *TOGETHER* magazine, "we would wish for no greater glory than a rebirth of the courage and dedication at the Christmas Conference of 1784."

The church that conference founded has advanced through 175 years until it embraces more than 10,000,000 members. What its future will be, says Dr. Smith, could very well be shaped by decisions made next April.

Dr. Smith's article, "Days of Decision at Denver," is one of a number of special articles written for the November issue as *TOGETHER*'s contribution to the 175th Anniversary of the organization of the Methodist Church in America.

Most important of the issues to face the General Conference, points out Dr. Smith, is that of the jurisdictional system. The 1956 General Conference at Minneapolis established a commission to study the matter and to report back to the conference at Denver. The issue is important because it

involves problems like these:

Shall the jurisdictional system be abandoned or modified? Should Methodist bishops be elected by the Jurisdictions or by the General Conference? If they are to be elected by the jurisdictional bodies, should they be consecrated by the General Conference? Is it desirable to set up machinery by which bishops elected in one Jurisdiction may be assigned later to serve an area (or areas) in another Jurisdiction?

Any question of church administration is bound to involve segregation and integration, declares Dr. Smith. That is because five of the Jurisdictions are geographical and one is racial. The Denver meeting will be compelled to decide whether legislation enacted at Minneapolis in 1956 is to be amended, restricted, liberalized, or revised.

One of the purposes of Methodism listed at the Christmas Conference was "to reform the continent." Today, points out Dr. Smith, the rising tide of juvenile delinquency makes it necessary for the church to subject its entire system of religious and moral education to the most candid and searching investigation. "And the General Conference dare not ad-

journal without providing us with guidance."

As for alcoholism, Dr. Smith regrets the fact that Alcohol Anonymous had to grow up outside the Christian Church. "We have been all too indifferent to the scourge that is eating away at the vitals of the nation like a cancer. Methodists must deal courageously and creatively with the problem."

Additional social problems clamoring for attention are automation, inflation, power blocks, civil liberties, Communism, statism, divorce, the population explosion, foreign aid, federal aid to education, and public housing.

Those problems, in turn, raise the question of whether the Board of Temperance, the Board of World Peace, and the Board of Social and Economic Relations should be merged as will be recommended at the Conference. The deciding factor, in Dr. Smith's opinion, is, "Will this plan make The Methodist Church a more effective witness for Christ in this area of human need?"

Although The Methodist Church has long had a commission interested in exploring the possibilities of church union without much success, there are new opportunities for co-operation with other churches which must not be overlooked, in Dr. Smith's opinion. This is especially true, he says, within the fellowship of Methodists: the Primitive Methodists, the Wesleyan Methodists, the Free Negro Methodists, and the large Negro denominations in this country.

The political situation of the world certainly has not improved since the General Conference in Minneapolis. Since there will be Methodists present from every continent with the exception of Australia, Dr. Smith hopes that the Denver meeting will have some clear guidance from God on the subject of nuclear testing, disarmament, Communist aggression, foreign aid, Hungary, Tibet, Iraq, Arab refugees, and Red China.

Other special features of the 175th Anniversary issue include a series of nine watercolors by Floyd Johnson of early historic Methodist events, *A Methodist Americana Guide for Tourists* that lists 182 points of Methodist significance—one hundred of them illustrated, articles dealing with the history and growth of The Methodist Church in America, and the winning 175th anniversary hymn.

SO METHODISTS SAY . . .

"God did not come to save spirits. He came to save the world. You don't have to be ghostly to be Godly."—**The Rev. Dr. Theodore Gill**, president of San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Bishop Arthur Moore Commissions the Petrys

The Rev. and Mrs. Richard A. Petry were commissioned as missionaries of The Methodist Church in an unusual service held at First Church, Jacksonville, on the night of September 14th.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, presiding bishop of the Florida Conference, was the commissioning officer. Since 1939, when the Northern and Southern Methodist churches merged, he has served as president of the denomination's Board of Missions, and has commissioned all but a few of the annual classes of missionaries, averaging between 75 and 100 each year.

These annual commissioning services take place at Buck Hill Falls, Fla., during the summer meeting of the board.

Missed Regular Services

Mr. and Mrs. Petry have been attending Scarritt College since June, when Mr. Petry ended a three-year pastorate at Jacksonville's Wesconnett Church, a church which he founded. Thus, he and Mrs. Petry were unable to be present at the Buck Hill Falls commissioning and the service last night was arranged.

It is unusual for a Methodist missionary to receive his commission in a service held in a church of the community where he grew up.

The Petrys have returned to college, and at the end of the fall quarter in December will go to Costa Rica for eight months of intensive study of the Spanish language and customs. After a brief return to Jacksonville in September 1960, they will leave for their mission post in Peru.

Played Football

The Rev. Mr. Petry was a letterman in football at the University of Florida, where he was graduated in 1953. He was elected to the Florida Blue Key and the university's Hall of Fame.

He completed theological training at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, in 1956, and was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Mrs. Petry, the former Mary Christine Willis, is a graduate of the Greenwood, Fla., High School and was graduated from Florida State University with a degree in home economics. The couple has an 11-month-old son.

Bishop Moore made two main points in his sermon: that the missionary effort is the will of God; and that expectancy and faith are necessary.

The bishop said that command in itself is enough to send missionaries forth. He added that per-

haps it is "time for the churches to stop debating and start obeying."

But, he said, there must be the expectancy and the faith that they cannot fail. "You can't be a first-class Christian and a first-class pessimist at the same time," he said.

Bishop Moore said the church must battle against forces in the world that are strongly organized and skillfully led, but this is a challenge that must be accepted.

The service was conducted by Dr. J. Milburn McLeod, Jacksonville District Superintendent, and the Rev. Monroe C. Hatch, pastor at Arlington and the Jacksonville District Missionary Secretary.

Ridge Area Workers' School at Winter Haven

Mr. Eugene Lamb and the Rev. Ed L. Dinkins, Jr., both of Frostproof, were chairman of the Board of Managers and Dean, respectively, of the Ridge Area Christian Workers' Training School which was held in the Beyer Memorial Church, Winter Haven, September 20-24. Sixteen churches from Alturas, Auburn-dale, Bartow, Davenport, Dundee, Eloise, Ft. Meade, Frostproof, Haines City, Homeland, Lake Alfred, Lake Wales and Winter Haven cooperated in the School.

The faculty included Mrs. Robert Boggs, Lake Wales; the Rev. Durward McDonell, Vero Beach; the Rev. David J. Cathcart, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education, Lakeland; the Rev. Goddard Sherman, pastor, Melrose Park, Ft. Lauderdale; Dr. Lewis N. Head, pastor, First Church, Coral Gables; and the Rev. and Mrs. Robert John Gisler of Snyder Memorial, Jacksonville.

Records for Ridge Area School were broken with a total enrollment in excess of 270 and more than 135 credits issued.

Christian Workers' School

The Tallahassee Area Christian Workers' School was held at Trinity, Tallahassee, September 28-October 2. Participating churches included Chaires, Lamont, Miccosukee, Monticello, Sardis, Wacissa, Waukeenah, Woodville, and St. Paul's, Southside, Tallahassee Heights, and Trinity, all of Tallahassee.

The faculty included Dr. Roger Guptil, Atlanta; Dr. John T. Greene, F. S. U., Tallahassee; Dr. Harold Buell, pastor, White Temple, Miami, and the Rev. W. L. Joyner, pastor, Wesley Memorial, Miami.

The school had a total enrollment of 132 and issued 89 credits.

BUILDINGS and IMPROVEMENTS

Property for a church site for the Palm Springs Church, Hialeah, has been secured, and plans call for the construction of the first unit next spring. The church was organized last December and now has 180 members. The Rev. A. E. Purviance is the pastor.

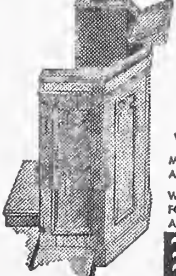
The congregation of Trinity Methodist at Pompano Beach held a service of consecration for their newly erected church building on September 13. Dr. Henry W. Blackburn, D.S., led the congregation in the act of consecration and presented the morning message. There were 200 present and 35 members were received into the church.

A stained glass window, given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. King, has been installed in the sanctuary of First Church, Lakeland.

Work on the sanctuary roof at Palm Harbor has been completed and an additional \$500 is to be spent to waterproof the outside walls and paint the interior.

First Church, Ft. Meade, recently purchased property for Sunday School expansion for \$12,000, payable \$100 monthly WITHOUT INTEREST.

The parsonage at Edge Memorial, Groveland, has been redecorated inside, new drapes have been hung in the living room and a new mirror placed over the mantel.



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What Methodists Believe . . .

Ministers and laymen of The Methodist Church are in accord with each other in most matters of the faith and in theological beliefs, but there is wide variance among them in regard to the practical application of these beliefs to certain social, political, and economic problems faced in the community and the nation.

This cleavage between belief and the ability or willingness of men—especially laymen—to put the consequences of such beliefs into practice was disclosed in a spot survey of opinions from several thousand ministers and laymen made for the Fourth National Town and Country Conference of The Methodist Church. Dr. David E. Lindstrom, professor of rural sociology at the University of Illinois, conducted the survey, assisted by Prof. Herbert E. Stotts of Boston University and Prof. M. Wilson Nesbitt of Duke University.

"Our worldliness can be seen in our inability or unwillingness to do the very things in which so many of us have an avowed belief," commented Dr. Lindstrom upon this point in the findings.

"This difference is noted in our practice of these beliefs—total abstinence, support of missions, regular attendance at church, conduct of our business, the use of money, fair and just relations with labor, international aid, and military service.

"We still have a tendency to compartmentalize our religion. We state our undying belief in the brotherhood of man, but some of us, at least when it comes to the test, are unwilling to overcome some of the most glaring of human frailties—discrimination against our brothers, conduct of our business for purely selfish ends, and our failure to sacrifice some of our worldly possessions so that others less fortunate may also have life."

The survey revealed that from 90 per cent to 96 per cent of both ministers and laymen "completely accepted" belief in the Fatherhood of God; belief in Jesus as the supreme revelation of God's purpose; that Jesus rose from the dead; that "to become perfect in love for God and man" should be the goal of every Christian; that man's destiny is dependent upon the grace of God—yet each person plays a decisive role in his fate through his own choices and conduct; that God reveals himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

There are, however, other beliefs in which the ministers are less convinced than are the laymen in their congregations. The survey revealed that 58 per cent

of the laymen "accepted completely the belief that the purposes of God on this earth will be realized entirely through His will and action."

However, only 28 per cent of the ministers held to this belief, "evidently believing," says Dr. Lindstrom, "that man has much to do with implementing the will of God on earth."

While 92 per cent of the laymen support the belief that "all that we have, even life itself, is a gift of God, only 54 per cent of them would go so far as to say that to waste time is a sinful act. Eighty per cent of the ministers would consider it a sin.

About 85 per cent of the laymen believe that "Jesus' resurrection is our pledge of eternal life," but

only 78 per cent of the ministers accept this belief "completely."

"The laymen are evidently more convinced of the value of the sacraments than the clergy and yet more liberal in their application," Dr. Lindstrom interprets from the survey returns.

"A significantly higher percentage of the laymen accepted completely the belief that the preaching of the true gospel and the administration of the sacraments are necessary marks for the true church. More than a fourth of the ministers and less than a fifth of the laymen were in some doubt about this belief.

"Half the ministers and less than a fifth of the laymen are in doubt as to whether or not the value of the sacrament depends entirely upon the attitude of the participant. And there is a real difference between laymen and

LAKESIDE BUILDING PROGRAM UNDER WAY



Pictured here is the architect's drawing of the long-range building program of the new Lakeside Church in Lake Worth. The first building, an educational building, which will ultimately provide four classrooms but which will be used as a temporary sanctuary for a time, is now under construction. Services are being held in the parsonage at present.

Lakeside was founded as a mission project of Calvary Church, Lake Worth, in August, 1958. The church was organized on September 28, 1958, and closed its first fiscal year on May 31, 1959. By that time it had 191 members, a church school enrollment of 240, a Methodist Men's Club, a Woman's Society of Christian Service, and had completed a building fund drive for \$25,000.

Shown in the ground breaking ceremonies held in connection with the building now under construction are, left to right: Herb



Moke, member of the sponsoring committee of the parent church; Burton Knapp, member of Lakeside's official board; Joe Mitchell, summer associate pastor at Calvary, Lake Worth; George Lip-pard, Church School Superintendent, Lakeside; and Earl Kimble, chairman of Calvary's sponsoring committee.

The Rev. John B. Bass, pastor, has guided the new church from the beginning.

ministers regarding the effect of the Lord's Supper.

"Three-fifths of the ministers completely reject the belief that if a person partakes of the Lord's Supper he is automatically a better person, but only 46 per cent of the laymen would reject this belief completely. Even fewer of the layment raised in the country would reject the idea."

But it is in the realm of the "practical application" of the teachings of the church and of the "implementation of beliefs" that the wider differences between clergy and laity appear.

For example, The Methodist Church has always been strongly against the use of intoxicating liquor. Yet the questionnaire showed that while 68 per cent of ministers held total abstinence to be desirable, only 56 per cent of the laymen felt the same way about it.

More than two-fifths of all laymen and more than two-thirds of the ministers accepted the view that the Christian should not drink intoxicating liquors. But the percentage of both ministers and laymen holding this latter view were higher in the rural areas than in the urban.

While apparently all the laymen and ministers believe in "missions" to overseas countries, more than 70 per cent of the ministers, but less than half of the laymen, reject the idea that the missionaries should confine themselves to "preaching the gospel" and should leave medical and agricultural work to other than church agencies. And in the home field the church has a responsibility to encourage better farming and business methods to improve living standards, say 59 per cent of the ministers. Only 41 per cent of the laymen hold that view.

Two other areas of thought and action in which there are serious differences between laymen and ministers are with regard to international law and military service. Only 65 per cent of the laymen, but 82 per cent of the ministers, accept completely the belief that in advancing economic and technical aid to under-developed countries and under-privileged people the United States should have as first concern the needs of the people involved more than of American interests.

"This," comments Dr. Lindstrom, "has regard to the implementation of the principle of the brotherhood of man." Only 29 per cent of the laymen believe that every person should have the freedom to refuse to serve in the armed forces of the nation "if such service conflicts with his religious convictions." But almost

Ashton Almand Elected A Mission Treasurer

The Rev. Dr. Ashton A. Almand, a member of the Florida Conference, was elected treasurer of the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions at the board's executive committee meeting September 24 in New York City.

In his new position, Dr. Almand will administer the financial operations of the World Division, which has an annual budget of almost \$10,000,000 and assets of \$28,000,000 and supports 1,100 missionaries in 44 countries overseas. He succeeds as treasurer the Rev. Dr. H. Burnham Kirkland, who resigned in May and is now pastor of the First Methodist Church in Middletown, Conn.

Dr. Almand, son of Mrs. A. A. Almand, 1185 Hillyer Avenue in Macon, and the late Mr. Almand, has been associate treasurer of the World Division since 1956. He previously had been pastor of the First Methodist Church, Pompano Beach, Fla., and the College Heights Methodist Church, Lakeland, Fla.

Born in Charlotte, N. C., Dr. Almand was educated in the public schools of Atlanta and Monticello, Ga., and was graduated

twice as many ministers (56 per cent) hold to that belief.

Summarizing these differences and agreements in belief, religious and social, Dr. Lindstrom notes:

"The beliefs which both ministers and laymen accept in very high proportions are those relating to God the Father, Jesus the Savior, man the brother, love the goal, the church as the Christian fellowship, and the family the cradle of the Christian life . . .

"Even more laymen than ministers believe that experience and conduct are more important than creedal formulations. These are the essential beliefs of our church and they can be preached with the assurance that they are what the laymen want to hear.

"Not such overwhelming support is given to the meaning and importance of tithing, to the support of the United Nations, and to the role of the United States in world disarmament.

"Here special exhortation seems needed if the doubters are to be led to believe in the true meaning of Christ's concern for all men everywhere."



Dr. Almand

from Mercer University, Macon, Ga., in 1931 with a bachelor of science in commerce degree. For 12 years after graduation, he was an executive of the C.I.T. Corporation in Decatur and Mobile, Ala., Jacksonville, Fla., and Nashville, Tenn.

Deciding he wanted to become a minister, Dr. Almand enrolled in the Boston University School of Theology and was graduated in 1946 with a bachelor of sacred theology degree. While a student there, he was pastor of the Methodist Church in Bath, Maine.

From 1946 to 1948, Dr. Almand was associate pastor of the White Temple Methodist Church in Miami, Fla. He was at First Church in Pompano Beach from 1948 to 1953 and at the Lakeland church from 1953 until 1956. He has been a district missionary secretary and secretary-treasurer of the Florida Conference Board of Missions. He is still a member of the Florida Methodist Conference.

Dr. Almand is married to the former Miss Bernice Belle Bassett of Macon, Ga., a graduate of Wesleyan College there. They have two daughters, Ann, 13, and Ruth, 9.

The Almands now live at 12 Barjune Road in Norwalk, Conn., and attend the First Methodist Church in Norwalk.

Typhoon Vera Victims Aided by Offering

Disaster resulting from Typhoon Vera prompted Methodist officials to issue a special emergency appeal in connection with the observance of World-Wide Communion Sunday, Oct. 4. In a telegram addressed to the 570 district superintendents throughout the U. S., the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn of Chicago stressed emergency needs of typhoon disaster victims in Korea and Japan and asked that all pastors take a special offering. Dr. Mohn is general secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation. Half of the church's World-Wide Communion offering goes to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. The other half of the offering is divided equally between the Chaplains' Commission work and the Commission on Camp Activities.

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21. MISSIONARIES' SALARIES

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Christ, St. Petersburg	100.00
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Tampa Heights	214.95
Gilmore	25.00
Ormond Beach	300.00
Tampa Heights	285.00
Melbourne	164.00
Dade City	140.00
New Smyrna Beach	50.00
Tice	175.00

22. MISSIONARIES WORK FUND

First - Bartow	50.00
Beymer Memorial	100.00
St. Paul's - Orlando	20.00
Floral City	20.00
First - Sarasota	150.00
Fernandina	20.00
Wesley Memorial	25.00
Bryan Memorial	160.29
Ormond Beach	33.70
Anona	30.00
Macclenny	5.00
Macclenny	5.00
Lake Lindsey	20.00
Pasadena Community	50.00
Trinity - Bradenton	25.00
Boca Grande	20.00
North Fort Myers	25.00
Lake Jackson	2.00
Chaires	2.00
Mt. Pleasant	3.00
Perry	25.00
First - Plant City	25.00
Seffner	10.00
Kissimmee	25.00
Redland	18.64
Melbourne	100.00
Allapattah	250.00
Allapattah	250.00
New Smyrna Beach	50.00
Grace - St. Augustine	5.00
Cutler Ridge	2.50
Arlington	25.00

23. ALASKA METHODIST COLLEGE

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Williston	8.34
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Ocoee	10.00
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Williston	8.25
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Windsor	2.41
Windsor	3.50
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Beymer Memorial	25.00
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Sparr	2.00
Bronson	5.00
Interlachen	5.00
St. Johns	2.00
Orange Lake	1.50
Wesley Memorial - Jacksonville	8.00
Ft. Meade	48.60
Groveland	12.00
Webster	2.50
Belmont	19.00
Christ - St. Petersburg	100.00
Canal Point	35.00
Pasadena Community	100.00
First - Ft. Lauderdale	5.00
Calvary - Lake Worth	75.00
St. Marks - Melbourne	5.00
Moore Haven	10.00
Davie	3.75
Elizay	2.00
McIntosh	10.00
Oklawaha	25.00
Reddick	2.50
Waldo	5.00
Gilmore	5.00
Green Cove Springs	10.00
Epworth	6.25
Severall	15.00
Coral Way	10.00

24. OTHER NATIONAL ADVANCE SPECIALS

First - Jacksonville	35.00
Normandy Blvd. - Jacksonville	10.00
First - Ft. Lauderdale	5.00
Snyder Memorial	10.00
Allendale	100.00
St. Lukes - St. Petersburg	100.00
Lee	1.00
Juno Beach	3.00
First - Sarasota	5.00
First - Jacksonville	74.00
Oviedo - Orlando	10.00
Lakeside - West Palm Beach	20.00
Starke	486.60
Child's Park	19.00
North Sarasota	25.00
Oak Grove	10.50
Macclenny - Jacksonville	5.00
Enterprise	8.50
First - Ft. Lauderdale	5.00
McIntosh	15.93
Haines City	10.00
Haines City	20.00
Floral Park	25.00
Trinity	28.00
Arcadia	33.00
Tampa Heights	9.00
Melbourne	53.00
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Tice	5.00

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Tice	25.00
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Crawfordville	5.00
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Bunnell	7.50
Trinity - Palatka	15.00
Cutler Ridge	2.50
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Sparr	2.00
Bronson	5.00
St. Johns	2.00
Orange Lake	1.50
Arlington	31.74
Ft. Meade	35.00
Beymer Memorial	35.00
Davie	15.50

Christ and his Church

Fleming Street	16.60
Community - Daytona	13.12
First - Orlando	20.50
Seville	5.00

III. Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief

26. DISTRICT CHURCH EXTENSION (Continued)

Miami: White Temple	60.00
Redland	5.00
Silver Palm	62.50
Dania	10.00
Hollywood Temple	10.00
Homestead	30.00
Key West: First	30.00
Key West: Ley Memorial	10.00
Marathon	10.00
Miami: Allapattah	15.00
Miami: Bryan Memorial	30.00
Miami: Christ	20.00
Miami: Coral Gables, First	45.00
Miami: Fulford	10.00
Miami: Grace	15.00
Miami: Holleman Park	20.00
Miami: Hialeah, First	5.00
Miami: Kendall	10.00
Miami: Miami Springs	5.00
Miami: Opa Locka	5.00
Miami: Perrine	5.00
Miami: Riverside	40.00
Miami: Rudy Memorial	5.00
Miami: Sellers Memorial	15.00
Miami: South Miami, First	31.00
Miami: St. Paul's	20.00
Miami: Tamiami Temple	5.00
Miami: Tarboux Memorial	15.00
Miami: Trinity	10.00
Miami: Wesley	15.00
Miami: White Temple	40.00
Silver Palm	20.00
Miami: Bryan Memorial	83.37
Miami: Kendall	200.00
Miami: Riverside	100.00
Daytona Beach: Community	100.00
New Port Richey	25.00
Anona	100.00
Sarasota: First	100.00
Lake City	20.00
Lake City	120.00
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Eau Gallie	10.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	10.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	10.00
Ft. Pierce: First	10.00
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Oakland Park	10.00
Stuart	10.00
Eau Gallie: St. Paul's	12.00
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Key West: Ley Memorial	20.00
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Mrs. G. W. Sellers Remembers When—

In THE TAMPA TIMES for Saturday, August 29, there was a story written by Times Staff writer Polly Henry relating some of the memories of Mrs. G. W. Sellers, widow of the late Rev. George Washington Sellers who passed away in November, 1952, at the age of 87. Mrs. Sellers, who will be 88 in December now lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Forman, at 5406 Cherokee in Tampa, and is a member of the Seminole Heights Church. She has 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren—although these are not the reason she is affectionately known as "Grandmother of the Methodist Conference."

Possessing a phenomenal memory for names and dates, Mrs. Sellers recalled for THE TIMES' writer many interesting and memorable experiences from the couple's lifetime of service. We quote THE TIMES story at length:

"I housecleaned before conference every year in June with the idea that I was sprucing up for a successor or in the event we weren't transferred, all would be spic and span for ourselves," she laughed.

"The Rev. Mr. Sellers and his wife were in the 1887 class entering the conference. Of that group only Dr. Joseph Bell, now living in Miami, and Mrs. Sellers are living.

Test of Faith

"The greatest test of our faith was experienced in Brooksville," she recalled. The community had been without a Methodist church for a year as a hurricane had demolished the building on which \$600 was still owed. Completely discouraged, the congregation just gave up.

"My husband was told to go there and organize a church and when we arrived by train in Brooksville we were met by a former Sunday School superintendent with the greeting: 'I hate to tell you this but the church has decided not to accept any pastor.'"

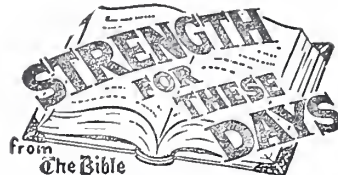
"To this unfriendly welcome, the Rev. Mr. Sellers replied 'I was sent by the Bishop to do God's work and I am going to do it.' Her husband a great schemer, soon had a two-room pastor's study converted into living quarters for the couple and baby. Then he obtained a tent for evangelistic services that continued for 17 weeks. People came from as far away as Inverness. Soon all the spare rooms in town were filled and entire families brought along tents for camping.

"During the services 175 members were enrolled and Rev. Sellers soon had the needed support

for building the church which is still in use. It was constructed by a bricklayer whose salary was \$1.50 per day and a Negro helper who earned 50 cents daily.

Illness Interrupts

"At Manatee the Rev. Mr. Sellers used to bicycle to Bradenton while organizing the First Methodist Church there some 60 years ago and conducting services with in a tent. He never had the opportunity of hearing the initial Sunday sermon, preached by the district superintendent in the new church, for the Friday night be-



Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you; that ye may be sons of your Father who is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust.—(St. Matt. 5:44-45.)

The beauty and perfection of God's love is that it is given freely to all men, regardless of their faults or failings. We cannot earn it or deserve it; it is given whether we ask it or not. We can ignore it or accept it humbly and gratefully, striving to follow it's perfect example in obedience to Christ's command to "be perfect even as your heavenly Father is perfect."

fore, Rev. Sellers toppled from a chair while dining at home. Due to failing health, the family went to Alabama and stayed several years.

"Returning to Florida, the Sellers lived in Palm Harbor, where four of their nine children attended Florida Southern College that had been moved from Leesburg. A daughter, Mrs. Harry Flood of Frostproof, graduated from the college.

"Several years elapsed before the minister could return to his preaching. It was at Hosford, near Tallahassee, that Mrs. Sellers decided that in future years she would never again attend sunrise services.

"Because her husband filled a circuit in the entire county and part of two other counties, they started out before dawn so Rev. Sellers could conduct services at CCC camps before breakfast. Tra-

versing deep sand (there were no paved roads), they would go another 20 miles for regular church, an additional 30 miles for a 3 o'clock service, then back to Hosford for evening service, a drive of 40 miles.

Gasoline Eats Salary

"We spent most of our salary on gasoline for Mr. Sellers was a great one for visitation, something the members weren't used to and loved. We never lacked for anything to eat, though, as the farmers would load up the car with produce. Returning home, we often found a quarter of beef on the kitchen table, a thoughtful gift that posed a problem as we had no refrigeration."

"At High Springs, Rev. Sellers built a church after a previous one burned down. Despite his age, 75, he had a Boy Scout troop and 45 boys were always following him about, cooking out in the parsonage yard or taking sight-seeing trips.

"Now ministers end their careers at 72 and at 65 if their health is not good. Even after the Sellers purchased a home in Brandon, where they lived 11 years, the minister continued to deliver sermons in surrounding areas until the age of 87. He kept on working until five months before his death.

"Wives of present-day ministers find it hard to believe that the Sellers lived on an annual salary of \$65 the first year of their marriage.

"Memories that are rich, exasperating and embarrassing are recalled by Mrs. Sellers. She will never forget during a pause in her husband's sermon, the voice of her 3-year-old son exclaiming, 'Mama, you've got spots all over your face,' noticing for the first time she had freckles.

Impromptu Baptism

"Another time when I wanted the earth to swallow me was when I decided to slip away from a back pew when this same youngster became restless. I was carrying a sleeping baby and thought the boy was behind me. Instead he went to the altar where his father knelt in prayer, picked up a pitcher of water and poured it over his head. That was his imitation of baptism."

"The first bicycle in the family, she remembers, was a gift to her husband in Clearwater as payment of a marriage fee. Because the bride didn't ride, the groom was purchasing her a horse and buggy.

"We had a wonderful life and I'm grateful I had as many years as I did—65 years in active work is longer than some people live," Mrs. Sellers emphasized."

Extensive Improvements
At Lake Junaluska

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C.—Extensive improvements to the Terrace Hotel and a new multi-purpose lakeside center are highlights of the current development program under way at the Methodist Summer Assembly here.

Installation of private baths and overall reconditioning mark the improvement to the Terrace Hotel, to be completed before the 1960 season opens.

A proposed new hotel, to replace the Terrace, has been postponed by the assembly's Board of Trustees.

The new lakeside center will be a two-story, split-level building, measuring 75 by 150 feet. It will be located near the auditorium. The old administration building, the book store and the boat house are being razed to make room for the new structure.

In addition to a modern book store to be built by the Methodist Publishing House, the new building will contain offices, conference rooms, an adult center, a library, a lounge, and a soda shop, photographic studio, gift shop, beauty parlor and a self-service laundry.

The new \$15,000 Branscomb Arts and Crafts Center, named for the late Bishop John Branscomb of Jacksonville, Fla., also will be ready by next summer. The old crafts building was destroyed by fire in 1958.

Additional parking space for 200 cars is being provided, and Lakeshore Drive is being widened from the auditorium to the Youth Center.

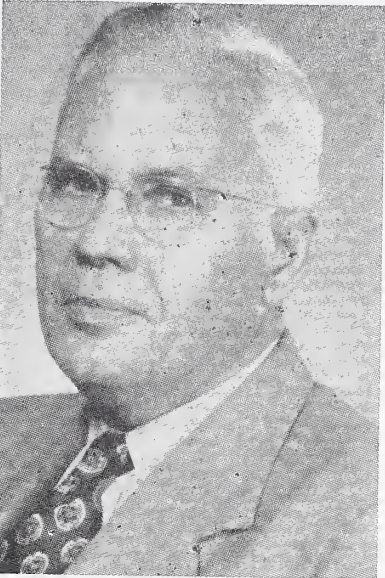
The improvements were announced by Edwin L. Johns of Charlotte, N. C., president of the Board of Trustees; Hugh Massie of Waynesville, N. C., chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and the Rev. J. W. Fowler, Jr., assembly superintendent and treasurer.

Editors Selected
For History Work

An 11-man editorial board has been chosen for a projected history of American Methodism which will be published by Abingdon Press in cooperation with the Association of Methodist Historical societies and the Council of Bishops. Editor-in-chief of the project, tentatively called **The History of American Methodism**, will be the Rev. Dr. Emory Stevens Bucke, Nashville, book editor of The Methodist Church. Dr. Bucke said the editorial board has met and preliminary work on the history has been outlined. No publication date has yet been set.

Laymen's Conferences
Reach New Heights

Ten years ago the first Florida Conference Laymen's Retreat was held at Lake Alfred when the late Joe Chamberlain made the facilities of his Lake Alfred Hotel available for the gathering. There



Joe Chamberlain

were 65 laymen who attended that first meeting. Mr. Chamberlain himself could hardly have guessed at that time that in 1959 it would require 3 conferences, each accommodating 500 men, to provide for the laymen who would attend this annual event.

It is too early to report in detail on these Conferences this year but we do know that the total attendance for the first two weekends at the Leesburg Youth Camp totaled 998 and the third Conference is sold out.

From Miami District Lay Leader Glenn W. Gold's publication "GOLD'N NUGGETS" we have learned that the St. Petersburg District had 92 men in attendance at the first session while the Miami District had 59 attending.

Singing was led by Glenn Draper of North Carolina, well known to summer visitors to Lake Junaluska. Dr. Charles Ray Goff of Chicago Temple was the chief inspirational speaker and other leaders included "Red" Barnes, Memphis Conference Lay Leader; Don Calame of the General Board of Lay Activities; and Dr. Jim Sells of Atlanta, one of the Secretaries of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Dr. Sells closed a personal testimony meeting which Mr. Gold reports left many men in the chapel at the close of the evening rededicating their lives.

On Sunday morning the men had the late Bishop John Brans-



Bishop Branscomb

comb with them to start them off by means of a tape recording. "Bishop John" loved these laymen's gathering and was always present from first to last. His recorded voice brought back wonderful memories to all who knew him.

The Saturday evening collection on the first weekend was \$4,490.

Seminaries Graduate
Record Number in 1958-59

Ten Methodist theological schools graduated a total of 680 persons with bachelor of divinity or equivalent degrees at the end of the 1958-59 school year, a record number and 86 more than last year. The announcement was made by the Rev. Dr. Gerold O. McCulloh, Nashville, director of theological education in the Department of Ministerial Education of the Board of Education. "This total exceeded by one the previous high of 679 in 1953-54, when the veterans enrollment boom pushed the figures up," said Dr. McCulloh.

M. Y. F. Corner

The Rev. Charles Hamilton, pastor at Spring Glen, Jacksonville; the Rev. O. H. Hudgins, pastor at North Shore, Jacksonville; Mr. Ernest Gross and Mr. Douglass Richard were the speakers and instructors at a Youth Activities Week held at the Arlington, Jacksonville, Church recently.

Mrs. Hoyt Tatum of St. Petersburg attended the September 27th meeting of the Intermediate M.Y.F. at Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven, and presented autographed copies of her book "Now I'm An Intermediate" to the new intermediates entering the department.

Miss Irma Rigby, a former Naples girl now serving as Youth Director at First Church, Kissimmee, was the speaker at a Youth Rally Banquet held at the Naples church on October 4th.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Green and Mr. Charles Penny of Coral Gables directed the program at Youth Activities Week at Tamiami Temple, Miami, which attracted an average of 25 youth each night. The Rev. Mr. Green is the pastor of the church.

Men at Work

Dr. Harry Denman was the speaker when the laymen of the Miami District met at Biscayne Key for a Retreat last month. There were 144 men who were over-night guests at the hotel and many more were present for parts of the program.

Leland W. Hiatt, executive secretary of the University of Florida Alumni Association, was guest speaker at the October meeting of the Methodist Men of Morrison Memorial church, Leesburg.

Several International students who are taking flight training at the Bartow Air Base, together with the base chaplain, were guests of the Methodist Men of College Heights church, Lakeland, at the September supper meeting. Richard Richey, a missionary to Costa Rica, was guest speaker. He showed slides picturing the mission work in that field.

The Methodist Men of First church, Dade City, sponsored the annual church picnic held at Memorial Park, Bushnell, late in September.

The Rev. Raymond Hayes, pastor at Trinity, Arcadia, was accompanied by 16 men from his own Men's Club when he spoke to Methodist Men at Wauchula last month. The Wauchula Club has been reorganized recently and has set a goal of 100 members. Carl Hann is the president.

Dr. Clare Cotton of First Church, Lakeland, was the speaker at a Men's Club ladies night at Wesley Memorial, Lakeland, last month.

Boy Scouts and their fathers were special guests at the September meeting of the Methodist Men of First church, Bartow.

A "Corny" Stunt?

Some people called it a "corny" stunt when Bill Matthews, director of promotion for the Tampa District Christian Workers' School, handed out grains of unpopped popcorn to some 100 ministers and laymen assembled at a kick-off banquet at Hyde Park Church late in September. Each grain of corn was in a separate cellophane bag, tied with a green ribbon.

Matthews explained that it was a matter of planting and cultivation. Each church was given as many bags of corn as it was expected to produce registrations for the school. Goals ranged from 150 for Seminole Heights down to

five for the new church at Lutz—and representatives from Lutz promptly announced that they would try for 15. Dean of the school is Dr. J. W. Blake, who is aiming for more than 1,200 registrations.

Out-of-state instructors who will be in Tampa Oct. 25-29 for the school will be Leonard Wolcott of Scarritt College, Nashville; Jimmy Mason of Mobile, Ala., and Leslie Ross of the General Board of Evangelism, Nashville. Florida teachers on the faculty will be Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Keboch of Sarasota, Mrs. J. R. Grant of Clermont; Miss Madeline Wilson of Tallahassee, and Eldon Simmons, Wesley Kersh, Dick England and Mrs. J. W. Blake of Tampa.

Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy is serving as treasurer and Dick England as registrar.

Emory's Committee Of 100 To Meet Oct. 23

The Committee of One Hundred from the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church will hold its annual meeting on the Emory University campus in Atlanta October 23, 1959, according to D. W. Brooks, chairman.

The Committee was created in 1954 by Emory's Board of Trustees. It is composed of representative Methodist laymen.

"Our purpose is to join Emory more vitally to the church," said Mr. Brooks, "and to sponsor and advise in Emory's progress as a Christian university."

"One of our first objectives is to strengthen the Candler School of Theology at Emory. This seminary graduates more Methodist ministers than any other and needs more financial resources to strengthen its work."

Among members of the Committee are the following from Florida: R. H. Berg, Melbourne, executive committee member; Sam A. Banks, Lakeland; D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville; T. D. Willis, Jr., Hollywood; Ruel B. Gilbert, St. Petersburg; John A. Hoefflin, Pensacola; Matt Mansfield, St. Petersburg; L. P. McCord, Jacksonville; Glenn E. McCormick, St. Petersburg; Dr. J. M. Morqus, Arcadia; C. Wiscom O'Neal, Ocala; Dr. Warren Quillian, Coral Gables; George Royal, Belle Glade; J. Hilbert Sapp, Orlando; Tom H. Slade, Starke; Horace Smith, Tampa; L. M. Studstill, West Palm Beach; M. L. Turbeville, Sarasota; and Henry M. Zimmerman, Maitland.

Church Sponsors Exchange Student

Miss Dietrun Fischer, International Christian Youth Exchange

Student from West Berlin who is being sponsored by Christ Church, St. Petersburg, was introduced to the congregation of that church last month. She will be in the home of Mrs. John L. Reynolds for one year during which time she will attend St. Petersburg High School.

Miss Fischer stated that the schools here are quite different from the ones she has attended in her homeland. For one thing, her school here is much bigger. Also, she is allowed to choose her subjects in our schools whereas in Germany she had no choice. At the time she was interviewed, she was looking forward to seeing her first football game.

Miss Dietrun is one of 106 Christian Youth Exchange students in America this year.

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GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

The Adult Choir was honored by the ladies of the W.S.C.S. and the church school workers were honored by the Commission on Education at a pair of "Appreciation Dinners" given at Morriston Memorial, Leesburg, recently.

On a recent Sunday morning, the Rev. George B. Warren, pastor at Childs Park, St. Petersburg, preached on "Being a Christian on the Lord's Day." At the evening service, a panel composed of two youth, two adults and a moderator questioned the pastor and discussed the morning sermon with him.

The "parsonettes" of the Miami District, together with their families, met at Crandon Park on Miami Beach on September 19th for a picnic. The group enjoyed a swim in the ocean, as well as a trip through the park zoo, and several games. Mrs. A. E. Purviance is the parsonettes' president this year.

Edge Memorial Church, Groveland, will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a Home-Coming Day on October 25. The Rev. W. H. McLeod of Tampa who conducted a revival in Groveland in 1909 following which the church was organized, will deliver the Home-Coming sermon.

Aldersgate Methodist Church of Ft. Lauderdale was formally organized on September 27. Dr. Henry W. Blackburn, WPB D.S. preached the Organization Day sermon and presided over the Organization Conference. Rev. Elmer D. Fant is pastor of the new congregation of 44 members who are worshipping in a rented lodge hall. 78 persons were present for the formal organization. Nine joined the church on profession of faith.

Twenty-eight Tampa District Minister's Wives met recently at the Manhattan Avenue parsonage home of Eloise Kirkland.

The Madison-Taylor Area of Methodist Pastors will hold a Training School at Madison, November 1st-5th. The Rev. Zeb Williams of Lee is the Dean. The Rev. W. D. Hicks of Finetta is the Registrar.

The Rev. Cesar Benitez of Rio Feo, Cuba, will be one of the featured speakers at the annual School of Missions at Grace, Miami. Benitez is supported in his work by Grace Church and its

members are looking forward to hearing from him a report on the Cuban situation and the work of the church in that troubled area. Mrs. C. A. Turner, chairman of the Commission on Missions, will be the dean of the school.

Work will begin soon on a chapel in the Reparto Perez section of Manzanillo, Cuba, for which funds have been supplied by First Church, Dade City.

Guest speakers at Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale on September 13 were Rev. and Mrs. Bengt Simonsson, Swedish Missionaries to Africa now studying in the U. S.

Dr. Roy L. Smith will lead a week-long revival for the Rev. William T. Blair and the people of Grace Church, Miami, in January.

Emory Theology Gives Religious Monologues

A freshman in Emory University's Candler School of Theology is making Christ's words live through drama. While preparing for a career as a minister, Frank Roughton is serving through the presentation of the sermons of Jesus, as recorded in the New Testament.

While acting with a touring group giving the American version of the Oberammergau Passion Play, Roughton realized that an effective ministry could be performed through such dramatic works. After portraying the role of Caiaphas the High Priest in the Passion Play, he determined to study at Emory for a life's role as pastor, and to further utilize his dramatic ability in bringing

men to God.

During his years in school, Roughton has plans for presenting monologues in the character of Christ during evening services. He will give the Sermon on the Mount and other quotations from Christ, using the King James version of the Bible verbatim. His wife Hazel will assist him with costuming and musical accompaniment for the programs, which will last about 50 minutes.

In describing his method for performing a ministry at this time, Roughton says: "In portraying the character of Christ, I have a deep feeling of humility and unworthiness and therefore make no statements as that character other than those he spoke in the New Testament. In manner of presentation, I strive to conduct myself as though Christ were in the audience watching, for indeed he is. It is my prayer that this ministry will be a blessing to those who see and hear it."

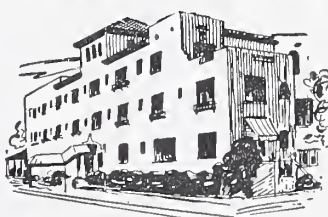
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The Honorable Campbell Thornal, a justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, is to be the Layman's Day speaker at First Church, Bartow.

New Parsonage Member is John Benton Bass, Jr., born August 27, 1959, 7 pounds 10 ounces. The father's pastor of Lakeside Methodist on Lake Osborne in suburban Lake Worth.

The Rev. E. C. Wilson of East Point, Ga., who grew up in Jasper, was the Homecoming preacher at First Church, Jasper, on October 11th.

Mrs. Ben Rider, wife of the pastor at Riviera Beach and Secretary of Spiritual Life for the W. Palm Beach district, addressed the W.S.C.S. of Trinity, Pompano Beach at its general meeting in September.

Ben and Mary Nan Blackburn of St. John's Church, Tampa, announce the birth of a son, Ben Reese Blackburn Jr., born Friday, Sept. 25, in Tampa. The Blackburns have three girls; this is the first boy.

Miss Polly Lassiter, Rural Worker in the Perry Area, and Miss Sandra Ulm, President of the Madison-Taylor Sub-District, attended the National Convocation at Purdue University. They were accompanied by Sarah Helen Steen and Delores Miller.

The Rev. Howard R. Porter is serving the Devon Park Church at Wilmington, N. C., while attending Duke Divinity School at Durham. His friends may address him at 3602 Winston Blvd., Wilmington, N. C.

Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., president of Florida Southern College, preached at Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale, in the absence of the vacationing pastor, Dr. George A. Foster.

Tamiami Temple, Miami, held a reception honoring Miss Effie Lou Hopper prior to her leaving for Costa Rica to attend language school in preparation for her assignment as a LA-3 missionary to Cuba.

The Rev. and Mrs. John Hughlett, missionaries on furlough from the Belgian Congo, spoke at Arlington Church, Jacksonville, recently.

Bishop Moore Visits Japan and Taiwan

Methodist Bishop Arthur J. Moore is now on official duties in Taiwan and Japan.

He left Sept. 29 by air for Taipei, where he was to preside at the annual conference of the Hong Kong-Taiwan Area. He took on this additional episcopal duty to his Atlanta Area following the death of Bishop Ralph Ward last December.

While overseas, the bishop of Georgia and Florida will also be one of six representatives of Methodism in the United States to participate in the one-hundredth anniversary of Protestantism in Japan.

He will preach in several cities in Japan, including Kobe, where he will be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. John B. Cobb, Methodist missionaries from Macon, Ga.

The centennial activities culminate the week of Nov. 1-7.

Among events of the centenary year have been evangelistic crusades by Dr. E. Stanley Jones and by Dr. Lawrence Lacour of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn. The Lacour missions—this year's was the fifth—have resulted in the establishment of 25 new Methodist churches in Japan.

Bishop Moore will return to Atlanta Nov. 20, after preaching in Saguine, Texas, Nov. 8-13 and attending a Council of Bishops meeting in Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 16-19.

Methodist Beginners

Too much, as well as too little, in women's wear was apparently a concern of church leaders 175 years ago.

Rules adopted at the organizational meeting of The Methodist Church in America in 1784 included the following:

"Give no tickets (to Methodist societies) to any till they have left off superfluous ornaments. Allow no exempt case, not even a married woman. Give not ticket to any that wear high heads, enormous bonnets, ruffles or rings."

This was an item in a report made by the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville, Tenn., at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Methodist Historical Society. He is president of the society.

The minutes of the 1784 organizational conference listed 81 questions and answers as the basis for a form of discipline. There were 12 rules for young preachers, and the fair sex received

some attention in them, too.

Rule No. 3 said, "Converse sparingly and cautiously with women, particularly young women."

No. 4 said, "Take no step toward marriage without first consulting your brethren."

No. 11 summarized the spirit behind all of the rules, however. It said, "You have nothing to do but save souls. Therefore spend and be spent in this work."

The first conference set the annual salary for its preachers as \$64. However, if a preacher was married, he got an additional \$64 for his wife and a small amount for each child.

The Methodist Church in America was formally organized at a conference of young ministers meeting in Lovely Lane Chapel, Baltimore, Md., during the Christmas season of 1784. The 175th anniversary of this event will be celebrated by Methodists the week beginning December 27, 1959.

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Alcoholism Nation's Third Major Health Problem

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C.—Alcoholism, said to be the nation's third major health problem, "is essentially a social maladjustment and a religious disorder," 125 Methodist Church leaders of nine southeastern states were told here Sept. 15.

"The alcoholic lives to drink and drinks to live as he attempts to find fulfillment in a bottle rather than in God and in other persons," said the Rev. Robert Regan, Jr., staff member of the Methodist Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C.

"Almost anyone who drinks can become an alcoholic," he said, pointing out that there are now more than 5,000,000 known alcoholics in the United States.

Churches should not view alcoholics as "untouchables," the Rev. Mr. Regan said in stressing that alcoholism is a social problem which concerns the whole community.

"Just like drug addition, juvenile delinquency, lewd magazines and pornographic materials, alcoholism is a social problem which can be solved only by an aroused public opinion through education, health and welfare work, counseling, legislation and law enforcement," he said.

The three-day regional briefing conference on Christian Social Relations was one of five such leadership training projects being sponsored across the country by the temperance board and two other Methodist agencies—Board of World Peace, and the Board of Social and Economic Relations, both of Chicago.

Sunday Night Services?

Are Sunday night church services a thing of the past?

Not at Grace Methodist Church in Atlanta, Ga., where for 11 years attendance has averaged 1,000 on Sunday night.

Informality is the answer, explained the pastor, the Rev. Charles L. Allen.

"Sunday morning congregations are Bach-ed and Beethoven-ed to death," he said, "and it takes the choir five minutes to sing Amen."

The Sunday night service should feature plenty of congregational singing of favorite hymns, Dr. Allen said, and a sermon centered on basic Christian convictions.

Dr. Allen is noted for his homespun humor, and as a radio preacher, columnist for the Atlanta Constitution, and author of nine books on religion.

Jurisdictional Study Group Shaping Up Its Report

The Commission on the Jurisdictional System neared completion of its four-year study at a meeting in New York Sept. 24-26. The full report of the 70-member commission's findings and recommendations is to be mailed in January to General Conference delegates, bishops, board executives and other Methodist officials. The report is almost completed, with only a few passages

referred to the drafting committee for editing and slight revision. The commission chairman, Charles C. Parlin of Englewood, N. J., said that one more meeting of the full group will be held if the executive committee deems it necessary. Contents of the report are not to be made public until the document is in the hands of delegates to the 1960 General Conference, it was announced by the Rev. Dr. C. C. Bell, Lynchburg, Va., executive director of the commission.



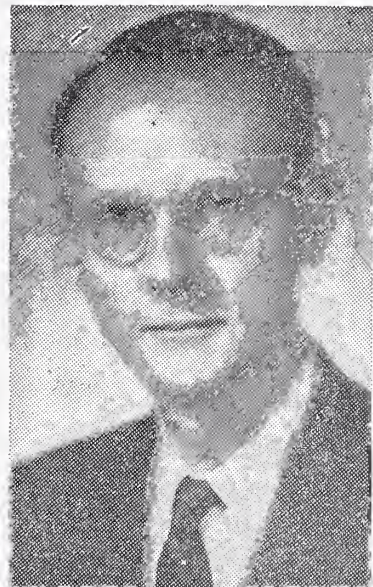
DR. ARTHUR S. FLEMMING



DR. W. McFERRIN STOWE



DR. LOWELL B. HAZZARD



DR. WALTER G. MUELDER

Principal speakers for the National Methodist Conference on Christian Education will be Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C.; Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City; Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, head of the Department of Old Testament, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C.; and Dr. Walter G. Muelder, dean of Boston University School of Theology. About 1,000 persons are expected to attend the biennial meeting November 3-8 in Cincinnati.

**Bishop Kennedy
On Communism**

Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy, of Los Angeles, tonight challenged people of all faiths "to oppose the demonic nature of communism with the power and methods of free men."

The Methodist bishop, who returned from the Soviet Union two weeks prior to Mr. Khrushchev's visit to Los Angeles, told 1,000 people in First Methodist Church:

"If we in America can't bring up a generation as committed to our way of life as Soviet communists are to theirs, then I don't know what the future will hold.

"I am convinced that our opposition to the communists will not be effective by becoming like them."

The prominent churchman, president-designate of the Methodist Council of Bishops, also expressed grave doubts about the possibility of peaceful co-existence with Russia. "I do not mean that we must have war," he added. "The Russian people do not want war any more than we do. But I do not believe we can just assume that the two systems can dwell side by side without conflict. One of us is going to win, for either God is or He is not. Either men are of worth in themselves, or they have value only as citizens of a state, the world will choose and a victory demands commitment, sacrifice, and the power of faith. We are in a tough fight, which does not become any easier because our chief weapons must be of the spirit."

More and more, he observed, the Soviet state is taking over functions of the church. The state now has a sort of infant baptism at which the baby is dedicated to the state. It has a "confirmation" ceremony for 13-year-olds, and the state marries and buries. What it has done is set up a rival religion.

But the frightening part is there is no moral basis to appeal to because the Soviet citizen is not a child of God—he is a child of the state.

Ultimately, the bishop believes, the system will reveal its shallowness. The real religious questions the state can't answer.

The crack will come, if and when the Russians lick their economic problems. Right now, he said, they are like a man building a fortune. They are too busy to ask questions. One day, though, when they have money and goods they may sit back and begin asking, "Where do we go from here?"

Christianity exists in Russia, but it too is shallow, and little more than a showpiece. In some respects, the bishop said, the

church is getting what it deserves. It has not preached social responsibility or emphasized a practical application of Christian ethics to the present life. The Russian people have never known a Christianity that is prophetic, vital, and revelant.

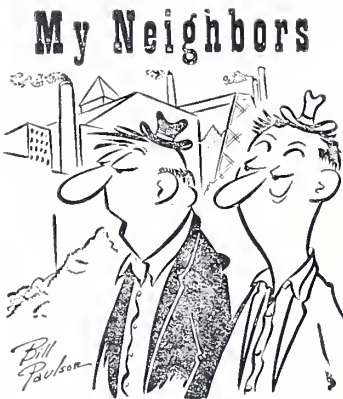
The church operates in the open, but it isn't strong and the state has nothing really to fear.

The Russian Orthodox Church traditionally has accepted a position under the government, the bishop pointed out, and finds concessions to communism easier than do the Baptists and a few other small denominations.

Bishop Kennedy said religious freedom in Russia now must be what it was like in first century Christianity under Rome, explaining that Christians are cut off from advancement by subtle discrimination.

Bishop Kennedy failed to be impressed by crowded services in Moscow's lone Baptist church, and reports of membership gains from Russian churches.

"I think they are whistling in the dark. I think the church is doomed—unless you believe, as I do, that ultimately you can't get rid of God, and He will act."



**National Radio Pulpit
Has Methodist History**

The Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of Christ Church, New York, returned to the NBC radio network Oct. 4 for the 30th season. His program, National Radio Pulpit, is successor to radio's first network broadcasting of religion, done by the late Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, a British Methodist. National Radio Pulpit, which has undergone several changes of name, was launched by a Methodist layman, the late Frank C. Goodman, administrator of network radio activities for the former Federal Council of Churches.

**Bishop Oxnam Receives
Upper Room Award**

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., was honored Oct. 2 with the 1959 Upper Room Citation Award for outstanding Christian leadership. The bishop, who will retire next June, was cited for his long career in the ecumenical movement. The annual award is sponsored by **The Upper Room**, edited by the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville. The bi-monthly devotional guide is published by the Board of Evangelism in 31 languages and 37 editions. Nearly 400 churchmen gathered at the banquet to honor Bishop Oxnam.

Pastor's Father Dies

Mr. George M. Joyner, age 75 years, father of the Reverend R. C. Joyner, Pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jasper, Florida, passed away at his home in Plant City, Florida, September 5, 1959.

Mr. Joyner has been a member of the Knight's Methodist Church for several years, and has served faithfully on the Official Board during much of that time.

Remember New Address

Beginning on Nov. 1, all mail going to the Methodist General agencies now located at 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y., should be sent to the new address, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y. At the new address will be the Woman's Division of Christian Service, the Division of World Missions, and the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions; the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief; and the headquarters office of Methodist Information.

So Methodists Say . . .

"The world is changing, and with it we must change. By discovery and invention we have altered its character so much, we must change our minds to survive it.—Rev. Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, pastor of Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.

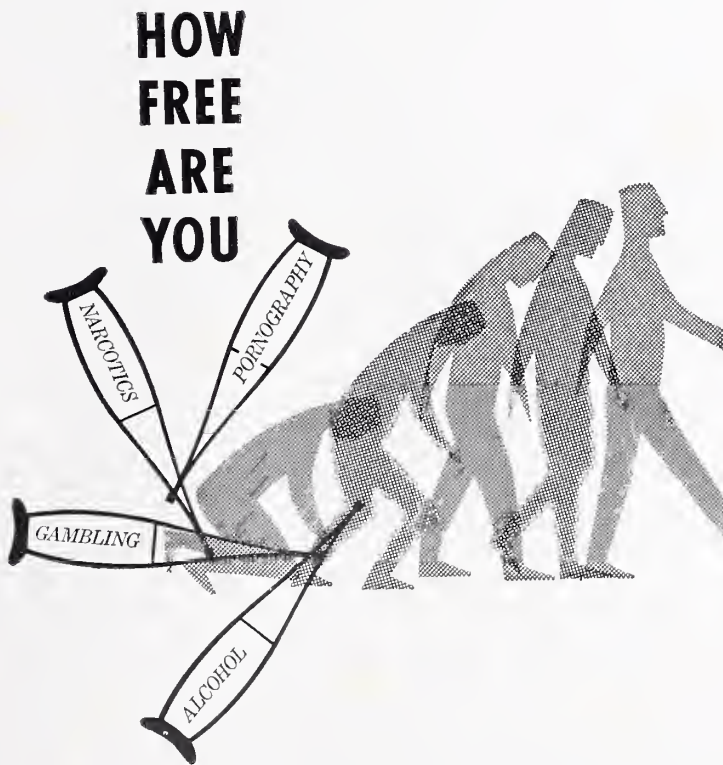
"Fulltime Christian living is an imperative if our witness is to rise above mere preaching."—Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Lakeland, Fla., president of Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS.

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Bishop Moore Goes on Another Missionary Journey

EDITOR'S NOTE—Here are the first two letters written by Bishop Arthur J. Moore on his present visit to the Hong Kong Area. Others will be published as they are received from his office. We are grateful to the Bishop for allowing us to journey with him in this fashion and for the insights we receive as he shares his experiences and thoughts with us.

San Francisco, California
September 30, 1959

At noon on Tuesday, September 29th, I boarded a modern airplane and left Atlanta for San Francisco and today I fly out of San Francisco on an ultra-modern jet plane across the Pacific Ocean to Hong Kong, China. This trip is in connection with my duties as the Presiding Bishop of the Hong Kong Taiwan Area. It will require approximately

Seven weeks of time and I will return to the United States in time for the meeting of the Bishop's Council in Phoenix, Arizona, November 17-20. If all goes well I will reach Atlanta late in the afternoon of November 21st.

My time will be divided about as follows: The first two weeks will be spent in Hong Kong, which is today one of the fabulous cities of the world. Methodism is there and very much alive. I shall fling back some more detailed accounts of our Methodist activities while I am

in all these countries.

The latter half of October will find me in Taiwan (Formosa) where the Hong Kong-Taiwan Annual Conference is to hold its session. Delegates will gather in Taipei, October 22-25, for a most important Conference. It is relatively easy to meet here in America and make elaborate plans for the Church and its expanding activities. It is quite something else to carry on the work in places where life is austere and among millions of people who are refugees. However, I could tell a thrilling story of the faith and generosity of the Methodists out there that would put some of us to shame.

The first week in November will be spent in Japan where I go as the official representative of the Council of Bishops to share in the Centennial Celebration of Protestantism in Japan. While there,

I will preach three days in evangelistic services in Palmore Institute, one of our fine schools, so ably presided over by a fellow Georgian, the Reverend John B. Cobb. On Sunday, November 1st, I will preach in our leading Japanese Church in Kobe and that afternoon will dedicate a beautiful chapel at Kwansei Gakuin, built to honor our great Bishop Walter J. Lambuth. This is one of Japan's finest Christian universities and has nearly ten thousand students. November 2-3 and 4 finds me in Tokyo, the nation's capitol, participating in several significant celebrations.

It was as late as 1854 that an American Commodore, Admiral Perry, pushed open the unwilling doors of Japan. In the century that has followed, Japan has grown so mighty that it dared to wage war against America. Their defeat was a humiliating experience for them but out of it has come a new nation with democratic ideals.

Methodism has played a valiant roll in the history of Japan and I am highly honored to be the messenger from the American Methodist Church to our fellow Methodists in that vital part of the world.

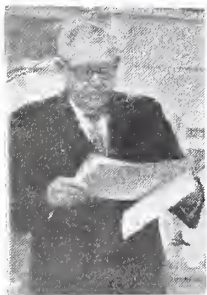
I have written in some detail about my responsibilities in Japan but in fact my chief duties are in Hong Kong and Taiwan. In these two countries we face staggering opportunities and overwhelming problems. We have at least a half-dozen building projects under way and they involve large sums of money. I am not alone responsible for the wise expenditure of these funds, but for what is even more difficult, the securing of these funds. In Hong Kong we are building two new churches, two additional low-rent housing projects for refugees and a new primary school. In Taiwan we are building a university. Soochow University was a proud university on the Mainland before the Communists came. Now these loyal Chinese Methodists are rebuilding their Alma Mater in the land of their exile. It is already a going institution with more than a thousand students. The building of a chapel and other additional buildings weighs heavily upon my heart.

As I start out on this long and difficult missionary journey, my mind goes back to the General Conference of 1934 when I was assigned to supervise practically all of the overseas work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Twenty-five years have rolled by and I have not yet found an end to those missionary responsibilities. In addition to all I have tried to do in the U.S.A., I have also carried the work of the Church in far and difficult places upon my heart and shoulders. It has not been a burden but a privilege. I am conscious of my immature sincere Christian as a result of these duties and imperfections, but I know I am a better man and a out in the ends of the earth.

As I begin this long journey, I do not go alone. The Lord and Leader of the Church said a long time ago, "Lo! I am with you to the end of the world."

Long since, I decided what kind of preacher I wanted to be. I desire above all things else that my sermons shall always deal with the central certainties of our faith. I want them to bring "good news". Good news about God, about the Saviour of the world; good news about His power to forgive sin and vanquish guilt; Good news about the ultimate triumph of righteousness and the subjection of the world, the flesh and the devil; good news about the transfiguration of sorrow and the withering of a thousand bitter roots of anxiety and care. Good news about the stingless death and the spoiled

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BISHOP MOORE

Grace, St. Augustine, Has "Town and Country Fair"



The above picture was made at the presentation of a skit entitled "Fashions from Yesterday and Today" given at the "Town and Country Fair" which was a part of the church-wide observance of "Town and Country Month" at Grace Church, St. Augustine, last month.

The month began with a dinner of welcome for Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Patch who had just returned from vacation. The month's activities also included a mission study led by the W.S.C.S. and virtually every organization in the church had some part in the total program.

the criminal goes free, we don't think it absurd sometimes to let the other fellow bear our fair share of the load. A young minister friend of mine dreamed up as a title for a sermon he preached one time, "Here Am I, Send George." It has one value of a really good subject in that you get the point simply by reading it. How easy for us to change the scriptural words of Isaiah's call in Isaiah 6:8, and come up with a real pious volunteering for good old George! We even might make a token gift to help him on his way toward fulfilling our call. (In this event, we might send the picture of Washington, but not Lincoln, whose picture costs us five times as much as the first president's!)

Whatever can be said for your photographic likeness it is still pretty lifeless. You can have it in color, in third dimensional depth, startlingly life-like, life-size, and all that photographic jazz—but it is still not you, yourself in person. There is no scriptural record that Isaiah told the Lord to wait just a moment and he would stop by the Lower Basin Street Photo Center in Upper Jerusalem hard by the west gate and pick up that roll of prints! And the young prince of Israel was not about to volunteer for his buddies. He said, "Here am I, Lord, send me." In a moment of sincere worship and deep spiritual illumination, there could be no doubt as to whom the

call of the Lord was coming. It was person-to-person — God to Isaiah. This was no task for George. This was no chance for Isaiah to send his likeness and then go on with his "princing" as if the king hadn't died and the Lord hadn't called Isaiah personally. Only Isaiah could personally fulfill God's call to Isaiah.

And only you can fulfill God's call to you. George has his own divine summons, and he can't go for you. Look at it this way: whatever is to be done through your life to fulfill God's will for your life, will only get done if you do it! Makes your response to God's call pretty significant, doesn't it?

New "Talk Back" Series Is Released

The Television, Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church has completed its scheduled 26 "Talk Back" television programs with the shooting of a new series of thirteen short dramas during the past summer. The latest series will be available Nov. 1 and may be obtained for showing in local churches.

"Talk Back" is concerned with problems that confront, or can confront, everybody. Each program is a separate dramatic incident intended to stimulate thoughtful discussion, not to provide a solution.

From the evidence provided by trial runs in eight cities, the new series is highly successful. Already it has been scheduled by 50 television stations for fall showings.

Films of the first series became available to local churches last month. These first thirteen programs have been in use on television since fall of 1958, when they were released through the National Council of Churches. They have been shown on 70 television stations and are being scheduled on many others.

A discussion guide designed for use with the TV showings was recently issued by TRAFICO. In addition to a synopsis of each program, it contains suggested Bible references, a prayer, and names of books for possible background reading. TRAFICO is working on a leader's guide for church use of the films which will tie in more directly with church school curriculum.

Possibilities for use in local churches are great. "Talk Back" offers much for youth to older adult classes, for family nights, Sunday evening fellowships, and other groups. Individual filmstrips may be rented from The Methodist Publishing House for \$4 each. Purchase prices are available from TRAFICO, 1525 McGavock Street, Nashville 3, Tenn.

The YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By HOOVER RUPERT

HERE AM I, SEND GEORGE!

When Danny Kaye was first getting his start in show business twenty-five years ago, he was part of a troupe of performers who were touring Japan. In *The Danny Kaye Story*, Kurt Singer tells of an incident which occurred in Tokyo during their stay there. It seems that the management of the theater committed some minor infraction of the law, and as a result the entire cast was sentenced to thirty days in jail. This, of course, would have been disastrous to the show, except for the ingenuity of Japanese law. Instead of actually sending the actors to jail, the judge ordered their pictures put into the cells for thirty days and the show went on as scheduled!

This would hardly be a deterrent to criminal delinquency in these United States! It would make good business for my photographer friend who could run a "jail-cell special" which might even crowd out the passport photo business for sheer volume!

Yet, even though we can smile at the absurdity of a jail sentence being served by a picture while

Phenomenal Growth In Last Ten Years

CHICAGO, ILL. — "A decade of phenomenal financial growth," is Dr. Thomas B. Lugg's appraisal of Methodist benevolent giving from 1949 to 1959.

Reporting to the annual session of the denomination's Council on World Service and Finance, held here in its home office Oct. 8-9, he stated that the central treasury handled last year nearly a hundred per cent more money than in 1949.

Dr. Lugg is general secretary and treasurer of the Council, administering four major funds of the church and overseeing several other services rendered by the agency.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C., is president of the Council and Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock, Arkansas, is vice president. The other thirty-one members of the Council are divided between ministers and lay men and women. Among the members are a number who bring to the Council the benefits of extensive legal and business experience. George B. McKibbin, a Chicago attorney, is recording secretary.

Total receipts during the past fiscal year were \$23,700,452, Dr. Lugg reported. This does not include about \$11 million raised for similar purposes by the Woman's Societies of Christian Service, or gifts made directly to educational and philanthropic institutions of The Methodist Church.

Assets of the general boards and agencies of the church have increased from \$114,371,453 to \$201,729,367 during the decade, Dr. Lugg stated.

The Council reviews annually the financial transactions of the numerous boards and agencies of the denomination. Because this is the fourth year of the quadrennium, the chief business of the Council was to hear the askings for 1960-1964 from representatives of thirty-one boards and agencies.

In meetings to be held in January and April, the Council will prepare a general budget for presentation to the General Conference in Denver, April 27-May 7, 1960.

The Council's recommendations to the 800 delegates will include a proposed ratio of distribution of World Service funds among the participating agencies as well as allocations of the General Administration Fund, the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund and the Episcopal Fund.

The Council also reviewed several of the activities carried on here as part of its total responsibility. These included reports of the statistical office, the transportation office, the official file of pastors and church officials

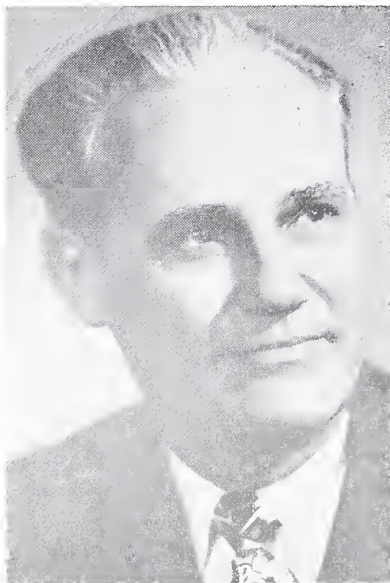
and the shipping and service departments. Numerous interests of the Council are under study by special committees. Among these are the encouragement of benevolent bequests, statistical research projects and a proposal to establish a corporation to guarantee mortgages on churches.

Florida Methodists who attended the meeting included Dr. Henry W. Blackburn, District Superintendent of the West Palm Beach District who is a member of the Council; Dr. Ashton A. Almand, treasurer of the Division of World Missions and a member of the Florida Conference, who appeared with the presentation of the report of the Board of Missions; Mr. R. H. Berg, Florida Conference Lay Leader and a member of the General Board of Lay Activities who appeared with the presentation of the report of that Board; and the Rev. Charles A. Thompson, editor of THE FLORIDA METHODIST, who was invited, along with other editors of Conference papers, by the Council to attend the meeting.

How Free Are You?

WASHINGTON, D. C.—How free are you?

How free from the effects of



Rev. Dr. Caradine R. Hooton

up to these questions by the denomination's Board of Temperance, which has its national headquarters here.

The questionnaire, directed to more than 39,000 congregations, is part of the annual, churchwide Commitment Day observance scheduled for Sunday, December 6.

Individual and family "check lists" are being provided for drinking? Gambling? Narcotics? Pornography?

Members of The Methodist Church are being urged to face

Methodists who wish to analyze their Christian commitment and responsibility in the four areas of social concern.

In colorful literature prepared for the Commitment Day observance, the board stresses that drinking, gambling, narcotics, obscene books and magazines are "crutches" for persons seeking to escape the world of reality.

But personal abstinence is not enough, the board says. Christians also have a community responsibility.

"When others carry crutches—crutches that rob them of freedom of choice, freedom of will, freedom to develop their God-given talents—can any Christian be free while his brother suffers?" asks the Rev. Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, general secretary of the board.

The board also has prepared a new sound filmstrip to aid local church groups discuss Commitment Day in advance.

The theme, "How Free Are You?" is an introduction to the 1960 churchwide study on "Christ and our Freedoms."

Urgent Plea Issued For Negro Colleges

If each of the approximately 9,700,000 members of The Methodist Church would give a penny a month for the denomination's Negro colleges, they could safeguard an investment of more than \$15,000,000. If not, then the future of Methodism's program of higher education for Negroes looks bleak. The Commission on Christian Higher Education and the Board of Education have set a goal of \$1,000,000 for the Negro colleges in an offering to be taken on Race Relations Sunday, Feb. 14. There are 13 Negro institutions of higher education related to The Methodist Church. The church owns completely the property of six of these schools—the \$15,000,000 investment that would be safeguarded by the penny-a-month per capita giving.

Honored In Nashville

Dr. Mary Alice Jones, director of the General Board of Education's Department of Christian Education of Children, has been selected as one of ten Nashville women outstanding in service and leadership in the community. The designation was made by the Davidson County Business and Professional Women's Club. Dr. Jones is known nationally through her interboard and interdenominational work for The Methodist Church and internationally in the field of religious education literature as author of the "Tell Me" series and many other books for children.

“Wanted to Go Into His Business”

Scholarship Winner
Challenged Through
Christian Education

Approximately 6,000 Methodist students have received National Methodist Scholarships since the program began in 1945. Two years ago a new graduate national Methodist scholarship was added. It is the John Q. Schisler award granted to persons planning to become directors of Christian education. The only person who has been awarded both of these scholarships is Miss Marcia Jean Lubbers, whose home town is Plainwell, Michigan.

Marcia is in her second and final year at Boston University School of Theology, working toward the master's degree in religious education. Not only is she unusual among scholarship students, but her twenty-three years have been years of unusually creative Christian service. She is a tall, attractive, friendly girl, a person who understands herself, according to an adult who knew her well in her undergraduate years at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Marcia was twelve when she became pianist for the primary department at Plainwell's First Methodist Church. She soon began teaching a beginners' church school class. When old enough to join the Methodist Youth Fellowship, she entered wholeheartedly. Unfortunately, Marcia says, for the first three years her group had no adult counselor. But the young people kept their MYF going. In addition to important chairmanships in her home-church MYF and a year as its president, she filled various district offices and conference responsibilities.

She became assistant to the church organist, then regular organist her senior year. Marcia was a member of the church choir when she wasn't playing the organ. Her high school academic record? Valedictorian of a graduating class of sixty-three.

It was for her sophomore and junior years at Ohio Wesleyan, 1955-57, that Marcia received the undergraduate National Methodist Scholarship. A few of her activities and honors there include scriptwriting and directing a weekly children's Bible story program for radio broadcast, touring with the Ohio Wesleyan choir, membership in a music honorary, assistant chaplain for her social sorority, cabinet of Wesley Fellowship and the Young Women's Christian Association. Marcia also had the outstanding honor of being chosen one of the

senior advisors for freshmen women.

In addition to her campus activity, she worked with the intermediate MYF at Williams Street Methodist Church in Delaware, Ohio, where Ohio Wesleyan is located. Her grades? Dean's list. She attended summer school for one summer at Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo. Marcia was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan with a bachelor's degree in sacred music.

While an undergraduate, Marcia wrote of her activities: "I feel that my participation in these groups is a natural outcome of my home and family background and my activities and interests in high school. I feel they are important because of the experience which I gain for my future work, especially since in my undergraduate work I am concentrating mainly on my music."

Marcia has helped with her expenses in various ways, working as a church secretary, baby sitter,

and waitress. She even did free baby-sitting on election days!

During this school year, she is director of Christian education at Central Methodist Church of Brockton, Massachusetts.

How did she reach her decision? In Marcia's words, it was like this:

"There was never any sudden decision in my life to enter religious work," she wrote in connection with her application for the Schisler scholarship. "It came gradually. I knew that I wanted to work with people. I loved my work in the church. I also loved my music. A combination of them all seemed to be a director of Christian education and minister of music. As I began to think in these terms, I knew it was what God wanted me to do with my life. Sometimes He calls people with the swiftness of lightning, but with me it was not that way. I grew up with my Father, and when the time came to decide, I knew I wanted to go into His business."

“CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST”



With these seals and other materials, the Methodist General Board of Temperance heads a campaign to keep alcohol out of the celebration of the birth of Christ.

Newspapers, radio and television stations soon will be stressing that only a few more shopping days are left before Christmas.

But how many church groups are organizing community campaigns to retain — restore in some cases — a genuine Christian emphasis in the Christmas season?

This is the question that the Methodist Church's Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C., is asking Methodist pastors, lay leaders and Sunday school teachers across the country.

As one of the sponsors of the "Christmas for Christ" campaign, aimed at combating the increasing commercial aspects of the religious holiday, the Methodist

Board has prepared a program which can be utilized by any church or other organizations.

Campaign materials include posters, car cards, seals, brochures and other items which stress the Christian tradition of the Christmas observance.

The board urges that appeals be directed to city officials, merchants, newspapers, radio and television stations for cooperation in keeping Christmas in a religious context.

Christians also should join in urging business concerns to hold non-alcoholic Christmas parties, the board stresses, and in voicing their objection to advertisements which extol liquor as an appropriate Christmas gift.

Official 1959 Figures
For the Methodist Church

CHICAGO—Membership in The Methodist Church in the United States has risen to 9,815,459. This was reported Oct. 27 by the Rev. Albert C. Hoover, director of the church's statistical office here. This represents a net gain of 123,543 over last year's figure, or an increase of 1.27 per cent.

The 9,815,459 figure includes the denomination's 27,750 ministers, but does not include 1,536,419 preparatory members (baptized children).

Director Hoover's report is based on the latest statistics furnished his office by the church's 100 annual (regional) conferences in the 50 states and Puerto Rico and Cuba for the fiscal year, 1958-59. Cuba is included in the tabulation because it is affiliated with the church's Jacksonville (Fla.) Area. Other work of the church overseas is not included in any of the figures.

The official statistics will be published early in 1960 in a volume of some 800 pages under the title, "1959 General Minutes of the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church."

The church received 763,464 members during the past year—380,204 of them on profession of faith, but losses by transfer, death and other causes cut the net gain down to 123,543.

The report shows that there are 39,236 organized Methodist churches, 81 less than a year ago. The grand total paid by these churches for all purposes amounted to \$512,164,658—an increase of \$28,679,341 over the previous year.

Total membership of the church schools is now 7,154,254, a gain of nearly 42,000 over last year. There is an average Sunday School attendance of 3,739,881,

nearly 55,000 more than last year.

Local units of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in-



ALBERT C. HOOVER

creased to 31,864, a gain of 579 over last year. More than 500 new chapters of Methodist Men were also chartered, bringing the total number up to 11,209.

Estimated value of all church buildings was reported at \$2,555,838,799 — an increase of more than 157 million dollars over last year. The amount spent for buildings and improvements — \$115,005,879 — was a drop of some four and a half million dollars from last year's figure, but the churches paid \$59,836,906 on indebtedness, \$7,693,430 more than was paid on debts the year before.

Total amount paid in salaries to pastors and associate pastors was \$91,209,722, an increase of about five million over last year.

The amount given for all benevolences was \$75,498,724, a gain of \$6,251,121 when compared to last year's figure of \$69,247,603.

brands. If you read at all, or if you read only pictures, thousands of impressions, direct or subliminal, will assail you from now until Christmas. It may even be difficult to discern amid all this anything of the purpose for which God sent a Babe into the world with Good News.

Art and literary talent, personality and wealth (the stored-up product of skill and talent) are being prostrated in the effort to induce more and more people to lay waste their minds and bodies with alcoholic concoctions. The artists are going "all out," we are told, in vying one with another in producing "pre-wraps" that tie whiskey to the Christmas theme. One distiller hopes to attract art-lovers by producing some 60 art masterpieces, "suitable for framing," each to be wrapped around whiskey, gin, vodka, champagne or wine. There will be original "poetry" and paraphrasing of famed Christmas poetry to help the sales also; and the ceramic creators will be around with jugs, and candlestick holders, and electric lamp foundations to help dispense Christmas cheer—and leave a souvenir to recall it all. And, of course, there will be holly, and bountiful tables, and Yule scenes from the Middle Ages; with Wise Men, and mangers, and shepherds, and starry skies at least suggested in the backgrounds.

The programs of the distillers call for the use of mass media that only the blind and the totally deaf can hope to avoid: billboards, magazines, newspapers, "class" papers, trade papers, cartoons, pre-wraps, artistic containers, neon lights, etc. Apparently the radio and television channels are being left for beer and light wines; but, if we are not watchful, these, too, may be used by the distillers' persuasive arts in future years.

I suppose that at this point in our civilization, it is well-nigh useless—but fortunately not forbidden—to dream of what the talent and wealth employed thus by distillers might accomplish if channelled into telling the Gospel story of Christmas and its meaning for mankind. Yet there seems little hope for Christianity or for the well-being of man until the resources which the distillers expend annually for what they call "a superlative Christmas season" are someday withheld; and until like skills are turned to realizing the goals of the faith.

I know there are church leaders who want the "fight against alcohol" soft-pedalled. But the industry is more a deterrent to Christianity today than is many a strange religion or cult. You can't build a Christian nation if whiskey is a major Christmas theme.

On A Wide Circuit . . .

Ah, Christmas! . . . Ah, Whiskey!

The trade papers are telling us that the whiskey distillers are waxing enthusiastic about the prospects of selling more hard liquor this pre-Christmas season than ever before in the industry's history. One estimate is that the birth of Christ will be celebrated by whiskey sales of more than \$500,000,000 in the U.S.A. alone. It is being recalled that in 1946—presumably in the cheer and spree that celebrated the World War II peace—as well as the arrival of the Prince of Peace—some 231,000,000 gallons were sold and consumed. That "record" has not since been attained—but the industry salesmen have it as this year's goal. (Incidentally, the

By W. W. REID

National Safety Council may have to lift its sights of auto accidents this coming Christmas if the distillers' goal is reached!)

Now, so that you and I will not fail to note and respond to the tie between whiskey-giving and the spirit of Christmas, the industry is going to spend somewhere between \$50,000,000 and \$75,000,000 (the exact amount is "top secret") to call this blessing to our attention. The element of "competition" is of course involved, so every avenue of advertising, and display, and of gimmicks—eye-catching art, and smooth, soothing language—are to be employed by the various

Missionary Journey

(Continued from Page Two)

and beaten grave. This means a whole gospel for the whole world.

I covet most earnestly the prayers of all my friends that I may have "Journeying mercies" and that my health and strength will in some measure be equal to my responsibilities.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR J. MOORE

October 7, 1959

Hong Kong

October 7, 1959

It is easy to affirm that this is a small world. That statement has been often upon my own lips. If one is attempting to point out how distance has been almost annihilated, then the statement is correct. But despite all the modern and rapid means of transportation, and they are almost unbelievable, this is still a big world. At least that is the way I felt while in the air for almost thirty-six hours of flying enroute from Atlanta to Hong Kong. The Pacific Ocean is still a mighty big body of water whether you cross it by ship or a fast airplane.

On board a modern Pan-American plane, I left San Francisco at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, September 30th. After several hours of uneventful flying we were on the ground at Honolulu being greeted by a group of dear friends. The three hours there afforded time for a good visit and a delicious dinner with these friends.

Somehow it always seems to me that the longest and most difficult part of the journey begins when one says goodbye at Honolulu and takes off for Japan. Hawaii is, after all, a part of the United States and people and things are of one's own kind. Beyond there one goes toward new nations, new currency and many differing languages, but nevertheless, friendly people.

We flew nearly ten hours out of Honolulu above the broad expanse of the Pacific Ocean until three o'clock the next morning. Well in fact, it was not the "next morning" because we had flown over the International Date Line and an entire day had vanished into the unknown. It was Wednesday night when we left Honolulu and Friday morning, ten hours later when we put down at tiny Wake Island. It is such a small bit of land in the vastness of a wide sea that one can but wonder how the pilots locate it.

We had some coffee and orange juice and after we had stretched our legs a bit we were off for Japan, another eight hours away. I

have never learned to sleep very well on a plane. A tragic and almost fatal experience while flying some years ago did not cause me to "give up" flying, but ever since, I feel better to stay awake and see that all goes well.

At six thirty Friday morning (Thursday back home) the sun was coming up out of the east to banish the darkness and make us feel safe and secure in Japan where we landed at seven-thirty. The International Airport at Tokyo is one of the finest and planes to and from every corner of the earth are all around the place. Customs examination and passport formalities were soon over and I was in a comfortable automobile headed for the Imperial Hotel down town. The day was cloudy and rainy and after I had telephoned a few dear friends, I went to bed to get some of the sleep which had eluded me on the plane.

The first week in November will find me back in Japan participating in the Centennial Celebration of Protestantism and at that time I will write more about that fascinating country. One word should be said now—and that is we came into Japan on the very heels of one of the worst typhoons ever to strike in this part of the world. Signs of destruction were evident in many places—ships had been washed up on the shore and more than 5000 had lost their lives. Vast schemes of relief by both government and interested persons were manifesting the humanitarian spirit of a noble people.

It requires another night of flying from Tokyo to Hong Kong and that is how and where I spent Friday night. I was eager to get here and start my work and it was a pleasant sight when this extravagantly beautiful city of Hong Kong came into view about six in the morning. Several of our Missionaries and Chinese Christian Leaders gave me a royal welcome. Custom examination was hardly more than a formality and soon I was in my room at the Peninsula Hotel. By the way, the ride from the airport to the hotel was in a nice station-wagon driven by the Reverend Lonnie Turnipseed, one of our finest Missionaries. The car was a gift to him from the fine people of First Methodist Church, Newnan, Georgia. As I go about the world and see what the gifts of our people in the U. S. A. mean to so many people in the ends of the earth, I find myself wishing they could see how much good these gifts are doing. Practically all my travelling this week has been in this automobile, which was made possible by Brother Peter Manning and his fine

people. God bless them all.

This travel letter has been so very informal and personal that no place has been left for an account of the work our church is doing here. That will follow in another letter. Suffice it to say that I am rushing from one duty to another. Sunday morning last, I preached at eight-thirty and eleven. The first service was in Wesley Village, a housing project where nearly three hundred refugees have found shelter, home, a school and a church. The church membership numbers ninety-nine and ninety-five were in their pews when I stood to preach. Nearly two hundred children were downstairs in Sunday School. I doubt that many of our American congregations could report such a large percentage of their memberships present at any given service. But I shall say more about Methodism in Hong Kong in my next letter.

Last Sunday, brought me a new kind of experience—unlike any I have ever known. It seems that one of the airlines reported in Atlanta that I did not take my scheduled flight out of San Francisco. Mrs. Moore naturally wondered where her husband had gone—and was a bit troubled. She called the Peninsula Hotel here in Hong Kong to know if I had arrived. By some strange coincidence they reported that I was not registered. This, despite the fact that I had been registered in for more than twenty-four hours. That kind of report, added to my family's concern, naturally. Then I was called to long distance to hear Mrs. Moore's eager and slightly excited voice. I hastened to assure her that the report about missing my plane in San Francisco and not having arrived in Hong Kong were "gross exaggerations." It was good to hear her voice and to know all was well back home; but I can't understand who gave out such misleading information. It's good, nevertheless, to be loved and missed when you are out of sight.

The weather in Hong Kong is about what late September was in Georgia. It is a lovely season here and autumn bids fair to reveal the wonders of God's handiwork. Love to all.

Sincerely,

Arthur J. Moore

Have You Demoted Your Faithful Pastor?

If your church is not paying your minister at least twice as much as it paid in 1940, he has been demoted in terms of purchasing power. The statisticians of the Council on World Service and Finance, Chicago, in comparative studies, regard the 1940 dollar today as 48.1 cents.

Woman's Society of Christian Service

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"HANDS AROUND THE WORLD"

Setting for the Jacksonville District Seminar,
LAKESHORE METHODIST CHURCH



Left to right: Dr. J. Milburn McLeod, Mrs. Robert White, Mrs. Paul Stewart of Orlando, Mrs. Ralph Perkins.

NOVEMBER brings to us many important dates — to Christians around the world. As Christian Women we are reminded first of WORLD COMMUNITY DAY, Nov. 6th and it is hoped wherever there is an observance of this day we will participate with gifts of money and clothing for small children around the world. The Theme for this day is "Full Partners for Peace." The observance of this special day should emphasize the beginning of what is now known as "WORLD REFUGEE YEAR" or "THE HUMAN YEAR." This has grown out of the 1958 Assembly of the United Nations and began officially on July 1, 1959 and will continue through June 30, 1960. We would like to recommend for your reading an article written by ELIZABETH MEREDITH LEE in the October METHODIST WOMAN, with the title WORLD REFUGEE YEAR.

We would not forget THANKSGIVING DAY, November 26th, for us, native born Americans and to those who have adopted our native land, let us urge our people to join in some service of

Thanksgiving in our local churches. MAUDE WHITE HARDIE has prepared an excellent program in the October METHODIST WOMAN for Circles. We wish to give a few quotes from it. The program is called THANKSGIVING — Past, Present, Future. Briefly she tells of the many reasons for our deep gratitude to the valiant Pilgrims, the early settlers of our country, when they met for that first Thanksgiving day, when ninety Indians came as guests, out-numbering their hosts nearly two to one. The governor of the colony had made a peace treaty with the nearest tribal chief and no Pilgrim was harmed by that tribe for more than fifty years. The aim of "peace with all men" which the pilgrims had learned from their pastor in Holland, brought good results. For the PRESENT—one of our greatest blessings is that we belong to a world-wide Church. For the FUTURE she tells the story (a quote by Charles M. Crowe's "THE BRIDGE," from The Sanctuary 1959) — "In Springfield, Mass., in the 1800's a

covered bridge more than twelve hundred feet long spanned the Connecticut River. One day a farmer came to the bridge driving a wagon loaded with hay. He took one look down the long, dark, wooden tunnel, then turned his team around and drove off. Someone asked him why he did so. He said, "Well, I could get in all right, but I'd never squeeze through that little hole at the other end." This optical illusion is one of our problems today. As we look ahead the threat of communism and atomic destruction seems to narrow the perspective of the future. We are tempted to say we can't make it. Our doubts will be overcome if we know the hole at the other end is big enough after all. The Christian has no cause for despair. The tunnel may be dark and we may not even be able to see the end, but we know that God is at the end, and we know that in Him and Him alone, men will yet find the answer to the future.

Fine reports are being heard of excellent Educational Seminars throughout the State. JACKSONVILLE and WEST PALM BEACH were reported in the October Florida Methodist. Mrs. Lloyd Frisbie—Secretary of Public Relations for the LAKELAND District tells us there were 294 Society members attending the two Seminars with an offering of \$101.00. Mrs. R. D. SCHNEIDER, Lakeland District Secretary of Promotion announced 114 new members for the new year. A new Society was organized at San Antonio Church in August by MRS. SYDNEY HOUSTON of Dade City, leader of sub-district No. 3. The College Heights Church, Lakeland, paid the expense of ten girls to the "Conference for Preachers and Church Workers of Tomorrow" at Leesburg, Oct. 30-31.

Mrs. George Bushnell, Secretary of Public Relations for the GAINESVILLE DISTRICT, tells us there were 321 people attending the three Seminars, one at STARKE, WILLISTON and GAINESVILLE. Mrs. W. Leroy Schock and Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy, Conference Officers with Mrs. T. H. Haden, a retired mission-

ary attended all three meetings. Mrs. Bushnell announces a meeting of the District Executive Committee will be in the home of Mrs. P. B. Revels, Palatka, Nov. 5th.

Mrs. Bruce Moeller, Secretary for the TAMPA DISTRICT, sends the following news items—The Annual Missionary Educational Seminar was held in the First Methodist Church in Plant City, Sept. 18th with 275 women present. Mrs. R. S. White, District President presided, with Mrs. C. M. Bay, District Secretary of Missionary Education, presiding. Guests were welcomed by Mrs. A. R. Lockerman, President of the hostess Society. Miss Polly Lassiter, our own Rural Worker in the Perry area presented the study "The Church's Mission in Town and Country." A skit in costume was given by the ladies of Seminole Heights Society to present the study "Luke's Portrait of Christ."



Polly Lassiter

A display of items from Africa added much interest in presenting the study of "Africa." Workshops were provided for the four approved studies as well as workshops on Youth and Children's studies and Program Building. Guests on the program were Dr. R. L. Allen, District Supt. The Rev. Edwin S. Davis, Pastor of Temple Terrace Methodist Church, The Rev. R. E. Ackenhuisen, Pastor of First Church, Plant City. Mrs. Paul M. Stewart, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. J. Withers Blake, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy, Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. H. V. Weems, Conference President was a special guest.

The TAMPA DISTRICT Wesleyan Service Guild Seminar was held the same evening of the Woman's Society with 70 in attendance. Miss Mabel Stephens, District Secretary, presided and Mrs. B. F. Shaw, Secretary of Missionary Education, presented the program which was reported to have been better than ever. Guest speakers were Mrs. Frank Twilley and Dr. Thomas P. Hardeman, Professor at the University of Tampa. A film in color was used to present the study "The Church's Mission in Town and Country." The Keystone Guild presented a drama on the study of Africa.

Dr. Leonard Wolcott of Searritt College taught the Woman's Society study "The Role of the

United Nations in World Affairs" in the Tampa District Christian Worker's School—Oct. 25-29 in the Hyde Park Methodist Church.

Mrs. Thomas C. Kern—Public Relations Secretary for the ST. PETERSBURG DISTRICT, sends the following news—Two sessions of the Fall Educational Seminars were recently completed with the largest attendance ever reported. Seventy-seven attended the first one at SPRING LAKE with 30 attending from BROOKSVILLE. The second was held in SKY-CREST Church with 426 registered, 29 attending from DUNEDIN. There were 24 children in the nursery making us realize the great potential of the District! Mrs. Grady R. Swope, President of the District, presided and presented Mrs. Henry Osborn, District Secretary of Missionary Education, who was chairman for the day. Materials and literature for effective programs were presented by Mrs. Gordan Greenhill, Mrs. Elmore Wernicke, Mrs. Donald Lerch and Mrs. Henry R. Macon, District Officers. Two Conference Officers, Mrs. T. M. Richards, Jr., Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy, Conference Secretary of The Wesleyan Service Guild, were guest speakers. Mrs. Lovejoy gave a brief introduction to the study of Africa which was further discussed in the afternoon session. Mrs. Rickards told of the Conference on Human Relations which she recently attended in Dallas, Texas. She challenged each one to—"Witness as you go about. Be Concerned—where you are to grow in understanding for other races and other people." She also introduced the study "Contemporary Man and The United Nations" during the afternoon session. The study "Luke's Portrait of Christ" was introduced with a skit presented by Mrs. James Aitken, Mrs. E. Turner, Mrs. F. Carwithen and Mrs. F. Miller. Due to illness in the family of Mrs. J. Withers Blake, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, she was unable to attend the meeting. Mrs. E. P. Hendry of Largo, introduced the study in true Woman's Society fashion and was greatly appreciated. Mrs. R. W. Wade of First Church, Clearwater presented the study "People, Land and Churches." Mrs. Donald Lerch told of Mission Studies for Children. Mrs. James Aithen conducted the closing meditation using the theme "FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE."

Mrs. Wayne Thompson, Secretary of Public Relations for the JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT sends to us the picture on these pages of a setting for the Jacksonville District Seminar. The globe de-

picts the theme of the meeting to "Kindle a growing Light" we must have "Hands around the World." This setting was prepared by Mrs. Robert S. White, District Secretary of Missionary Education and Chairman for the Day. The Jacksonville District Executive Committee met Oct. 14th with Mrs. Robert White, at her home in Middleburg, Fla. to hear reports of the first period of the new year. Mrs. W. A. Yearty, District Secretary of Spiritual Life, announced a "TIME APART" to be held in the Chapel of the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, November 18th beginning at 5:30 P.M. with supper time at 6:30, another hour of worship to begin at 7:30. Speakers for the first hour will be The Rev. Paul Hartsfield and The Rev. Barclay Jackson with The Rev. Larrie O'Steen as soloist. The Rev. James Blitch will be the speaker for the second hour. The NORTSHORE Woman's Society has sent the following story of a SPECIAL RECOGNITION SERVICE for new members received the first four months. The membership ritual "Candles of Love" was conducted by MRS. O. H. HUDGINS, Secretary of Promotion, assisted by the membership committee. Mrs. Albert DeLettre, Jr., Mrs. J. H. Baines, and Mrs. J. R. Kornegay. The following new members were presented with membership cards and corsages—Mrs. Winston Carey, Mrs. Ross Hair, Mrs. Ray Hoffman, Mrs. Larry Schweckendieck, Mrs. Esther Luten, Mrs. Bessie Frewitt and Mrs. Jane Moore. Circle No. 1 was hostess for the month

ATTENTION is called to the Program of work being done by The Florida Christian Ministry to Migrants, The Rev. Paul M. Cassen of West Palm Beach is the Director. The need is urgent all the year. Home for these people is where "THE CROPS ARE RIPE" and we must also provide a "CHURCH WHERE THE CROPS ARE RIPE." We, of the Methodist Church support this program as one of the ADVANCE SPECIALS. Methodist Women through the Woman's Societies may also contribute to this work through the Local Council of United Church Women. We are reminded at this season of the year of the Annual Christmas project for Migrants. The deadline is DECEMBER first to send new clothing, toys, educational gifts, creative gifts, gift wrappings. No gifts are to be wrapped as the workers prefer to wrap the gifts. Used clothing will be received any time of the year. Send your Christmas packages to—Florida Christian Ministry to Migrants, Nursery Building, Okeechobee Center, Belle Glade, Florida.

HYMN OF THE WEEK

By the REV. ERNEST K. EMURIAN

Jesus Is Tenderly Calling

Fanny Crosby, the prolific writer of hymns and gospel songs, and Will Thompson, the bard of Ohio who made a fortune composing popular songs and a reputation writing sacred songs, had one thing in common. They both knew from their personal experiences, that the Master called them "tenderly," an experience in strong contrast with some of the prevailing misconceptions of their day.

Forgetting that Jesus called most of his earliest followers "tenderly," some of his so-called later followers insisted that He called people to follow Him by summoning them in a dramatic way, thundering out his call from the heavens in such unmistakable terms that the one being called could have no doubt that God was speaking directly to him.

"Not so," said Fanny Crosby and Will Thompson, remembering that God, who was not present in the storm and lightning, came to His own through "the still small voice," "the breath of a light whisper."

So it was not at all surprising that both the woman and the man used the same word in describing the Master's call, Fanny Crosby writing her gospel song "Jesus Is Tenderly Calling Thee Home" and Will Thompson going her one better, by writing both the words and the music of his one claim to fame, "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling."

Had not George Coles Stebbins (1846-1945) appeared on the scene to set Fanny Crosby's words to music, possibly her stanzas would have quickly been forgotten, like so many more of her nearly eight-thousand hymns and sacred songs.

But Stebbins was there when his talents were needed, and, adding a lilting chorus all his own, in the style of the day, he gave her lines the wings of song they sorely needed to make their way throughout the Christian world with their warm invitation to the lost to be found of Him in Whom alone there was life, and life abundant.

George Stebbins' long life of almost a hundred years saw him developing from a farm boy, born in Carlton, Orleans County, New York, into one of the nation's most prominent gospel song leaders and most prolific composers of tunes for other people's verses. Unlike Will Thompson and Philip Bliss, who could dash off words and music with equal effortless

ease, Stebbins confined himself to making music for appropriate stanzas, disciplining himself tremendously as he learned to mas-



Rev. Emurian

ter his chosen craft and to excel in the field of his choice.

The first musical instrument George ever saw was an accordion, called, in his day "an elbow melodeon," played by one of the music teachers who conducted a weekly singing class in an old school house near his boyhood home. It was not until he was sixteen that he saw his first piano, and then it was one of those square monstrosities which cluttered up many a parlor in the good old days beyond recall" but it awakened the genius lying dormant in the young adolescent's heart, and set him on the road he was to follow joyously and productively for more than three quarters of a century.

At twenty-one, when most men's voices are already set once and for all, George trudged back and forth to Buffalo once a week to take voice lessons. His early training stood him in good stead, however, because it was not very long after he mastered the art of singing, adding that to his mastery of the accordion and piano, that he began a new trend in the field of sacred singing by arranging some familiar songs for a male quartet.

This startling innovation captured the fancy of the Church going public, and soon George was in such demand as a musi-

cian, singer, choral director and composer that he hardly knew which offer to accept.

In 1869 he moved to Chicago and assumed the musical duties at the First Baptist Church in The Windy City, a job that terminated suddenly when Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern and set the city on fire, in the process of which holocaust most of the leading church buildings were burned to the ground.

Undaunted George free lanced as a singing evangelist for a few years, conducting meetings in Churches of many denominations. It was during this time that he was introduced to the unusual lay preacher, Dwight Lyman Moody, who, with song-leader Ira D. Sankey, was one of God's instruments for bringing about a revival of Christianity in the United States.

Moody spotted the genius in Stebbins, and soon had him signing on the dotted line, dedicating his talents from henceforth to the service of the King of Kings. That decision, instead of hemming the young musician in, just opened new doors that he never knew existed, and soon he was developing the gift of setting sacred poems to music, a talent that was to see him composing over fifteen hundred original tunes before his death just a few months short of his one-hundredth birthday.

In Boston, he gained new laurels as choral director of Clarendon Street Baptist Church, and, later, famous Tremont Temple. It was while serving the latter congregation that he wrote the music now associated with the evening hymn "Saviour, Breathe an Evening Blessing," one of the best he was privileged to compose during his long and active life.

His work with Moody began in 1876 and terminated only with the evangelist's death at Northfield, Massachusetts in 1899. During these busy years, Stebbins rubbed shoulders with the leading Christians of the day in America, England, and in other parts of the English-speaking world. Always unassuming, and loath to boast about his own accomplishments, he had highest praise for those who wrote and composed and preached, as long as they were instrumental in leading others to Christ. As an editor, his influence was felt for many years as publishing houses sought him out for advice with regard to the publication of hymnals and gospel song books.

After Sankey's death in 1908, Stebbins retired from his public life, and settled down in Brooklyn. He married Miss Elma Miller in 1868 and to their union one son, George Waring Stebbins, was born. Both his wife and his only

son preceded him in death by many years. His last years were spent in the home of a niece in Catskill, New York, where he devoted his time to answering his heavy correspondence, advising other composers about their tunes, encouraging new musicians to dedicate their talent to the service of the Kingdom as he had done years earlier, and continuing to compose almost to the very last.

From his pen came the tunes for such perennial favorites as "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," "In the Secret of His Presence," "Jesus I Come to Thee," "Take Time to be Holy," "There Is a Green Hill Far Away," "True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted" and dozens and dozens of others, as lilting and as singable and as inspiring. He did most of his composing at an upright Chickering piano, one that this columnist was privileged to play upon in the Catskill home some years after the distinguished composer's death.

The Wesleys and Watts of England wrote stanzas, but no choruses. Stebbins was one of those pioneers who saw the value of a chorus or refrain and seldom wrote a hymn, tune or gospel song tune without one. While the pendulum seems to have swung to the opposite extreme today, congregations singing choruses without any stanzas, Stebbins, Lowry, Bliss and others ushered in a new day in congregational singing, writing the music that captured the fancy of the church-going public, and filling a need in their day that no one else was filling.

That God mightily used all of them is attested by the fact that critics said of the preaching of Moody and the singing of such men as Sankey and Stebbins, "They reduced the population of hell by a million souls."

Even though those words were spoken in jest, they reveal the influence of these dedicated men and women, who gave what they had to the cause of Christ, and found Him using them to a marvelous degree in His service, far beyond the reach of their fondest dreams.

Because George Stebbins found in the gospel a home for his own soul, he could compose music for Fanny Crosby's sacred song, by means of which many others found themselves coming back home to God, as He had revealed the fullness of His nature in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Rev. Ernest K. Emurian
Elm Avenue Methodist Church
Portsmouth, Virginia

(EDITOR'S NOTE—Mr. Emurian's latest book, "Stories of Our National Songs," is recently off the press. It contains the complete

history of the words and music of four national songs, "America," "America the Beautiful," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "The Star-Spangled Banner." It may be ordered from the Methodist Publishing House at \$2.00, or autographed copies may be purchased directly from the author at the same price. Address: Ernest Emurian, 1601 Duke Street, Portsmouth, Virginia.

Children's Home Has A Wedding

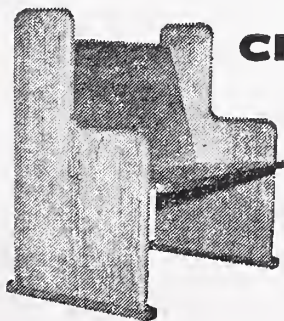
Miss Sally Jane Cowing, a former resident of Florida Methodist Children's Home, and John Chandler Allman of Hollister, were married October 3. Rev.



Robert Hayes, pastor of Howe Memorial, Crescent City, performed the double ring ceremony before the church altar. Mrs. Robert Hayes served as Vocalist for the service.

The bride was given in marriage by the Rev. Bascom W. Carlton, Supt. of The Children's Home. The maid of honor was Miss Beverly Woodfin, and Edwin Toney served as best man for the groom. Mr. John Martin was the usher.

Following the impressive cere-



mony a reception honoring the couple was held in the church parlor.

Mr. and Mrs. Allman will reside at Hollister, Florida, where Mr. Allman is employed with the Florida Forestry Service. Mrs. Allman, a recent graduate of the Mary Karl Vocational School, Daytona Beach, is a beautician, and will continue her employment in Palatka.

Professors Are Stumped

Florida Southern College professors this year would rather call one student mister than by name.

The learned profs can't pronounce it although it only has two letters. Ng.

Ng is an 18-year-old member of the freshman class.

Even Ng has had trouble with his name. Until a recent birth certificate check, he thought his name was Eng. All of his high school records had to be changed from Eng to Ng.

So the first-year native of New York City pronounces it "eng" even though it's Ng.

Ng's father was born in China. He operates a restaurant in New York, under the name of Eng Wah. His mother was born in the nation's largest city.

When the professors get confused trying to make "eng" out of Ng, the freshman has an easy out for the erudite faculty members. He tells them:

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Men at Work

At the last Quarterly Conference held at Lake Placid six laymen were Certified as Lay Speakers. They are **Dr. D. W. Crankshaw, Mr. C. L. Reynolds, Mr. Buddy Smith, Mr. Val Russell, Mr. T. J. Durrance and Mr. T. W. Jernigan.**

Methodist Men at First church, New Port Richey, held a Pancake Supper on October 17 to help in the Little League baseball program in their town and their share in it by supporting a team.

The Rev. Fitzhugh T. Read, Jr., pastor of the McLeod Memorial Presbyterian church of Bartow, was the Men's Club speaker at Beymer Memorial, last month.

Lay Leader Charles Rollins presided and **Mr. Glenn Wallace, Mrs. Karl Koestline, Mr. Paul Morrison, Mr. T. A. Johnson and Mrs. Charles Belcher** represented the Commissions and other interests of the church in Laymen's Day services at First church, Clearwater.

Judge E. K. Perryman presided and **Lay Leader Tom Slade and Official Board Chairman George Huggins** brought messages at the Laymen's Day program at First church, Starke.

November has been set aside as Lay Activities month at First church, Fort Meade, with laymen having charge of the order of worship each Sunday, the **Rev. Claude Stanfield** announces.

Layman Orin Reynolds conducted the service and **Mr. J. V. Russell, Mr. Jim Coarsey and Dr. D. W. Crankshaw** participated in the Laymen's Day observance at Lake Placid.

Mr. Bill Weaver, teacher of the Friendship Weavers Sunday School Class, was Laymen's Day Speaker at Goss Memorial, Orlando. **Laymen C. W. McGiness, R. D. Dabinett and D. A. Gelger** also shared in the service.

Judge Joe Eaton told of his experiences as a State Senator when he spoke to Methodist Men at First Church, South Miami, last month.

The Hon. Campbell Thornal, a justice of the state supreme court, was guest speaker at the Laymen's Day service at First church, Bartow.

Mr. Shelley Boone, supervising principal of schools in the Winter

ABC's of Destruction

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C.—A lesson in the ABC's of destruction—atomic, bacteriological and chemical—was given to Methodist



DR. CARL D. SOULE

leaders of nine southeastern states at a Christian Social Relations Conference here, Sept. 15-17.

"The average American has little understanding of the terrible destructive capacity of these so-called ABC weapons, which all of the major powers now have in their arsenals," said the **Rev. Carl Soule** of the Methodist Board of World Peace, Chicago.

Aside from the more familiar nuclear bombs, he said that both Germany and England have developed a bacteriological poison, eight ounces of which, it is claimed, could destroy the world's population.

"Christians must join in saying 'No' to the use of such massive, destructive weapons," he counseled, "and press for multilateral agreements which will ban testing and usage."

The meeting was attended by 125 Methodist ministers, laymen and women who are district and annual conference leaders in the field of Christian social relations.

It was one of five regional briefing conferences being sponsored this year by three general Methodist agencies—Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C.; Board of World Peace, and Board of Social and Economic Relations, both of Chicago.

Haven area, and **Mr. Preston Duncanson,** local business man, were the Laymen's Day speakers at Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven. **Lay Leader James A. Goff** led the services and **J. T. Grant, Jr.,** a chorus of more than 30 men, and a group of youth also participated.

GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

The **Rev. Homer A. Fintel** reports that his church at Dundee now has a Baldwin electric organ, complete with percussions ensemble; fiber glass insulation in the ceiling and soon is to have an aluminum coating for the roof. Ten new members were received early in October.

Dr. Shelby Wilson, retired member of the Florida Conference, is the pastor of the newly-organized congregation in Jacksonville's Neptune - Atlantic Beach area. Organized October 18, this new church already has more than 125 members.

Among new members recently welcomed into the fellowship of Trinity church, Lakeland, by the **Rev. O. C. Driskell** were two complete families. One included the father and mother, five sons and one daughter. The other consisted of father and mother and three children.

Ministers of the Jacksonville District are finding a monthly luncheon meeting with the District Superintendent to be a helpful practice.

The members and friends of First Church, Avon Park, honored the **Rev. and Mrs. Allan R. Stuart** with a reception at the church on the night of October 4th. The occasion: the Stuart's 6th Wedding Anniversary.

The **Rev. H. T. Heitzenrater** reports that the District Board of Church Location and Building has approved the plans for the expansion of the facilities of First Church Clermont, and that construction should begin in December. When the entire program is carried through the church plant will occupy virtually a complete block.

A quartet from First Church, Starke, sang and the pastor, the **Rev. H. O. Boyette,** and his wife were guests at Homecoming held at Lawtey on October 18th. Gainesville District Superintendent **J. E. McKinley** was the preacher for the occasion and **Rev. A. J. Adams** was the host pastor.

Student Affiliation Day was observed by First church, Lakeland on October 11, a number of Florida Southern College undergraduates being welcomed by the pastor, **Dr. C. M. Cotton,** as affiliate members. A number of church families invited students

to their homes for Sunday dinner following the service.

Dr. Wesley Jenkins of the Family and Children's Service, Mrs. Wilson Hill speaking on the United Nations, and the Rev. Mrs. Edna Royce, devotional leader, were all heard on the Sunday Evening Fellowship at Child's Park, St. Petersburg, on October 25.

Mrs. Edward L. Eddy, returned missionary to Sierra Leone, Africa, spoke at First church, Fort Meade, at the opening night of a four-day study of "The Way in Africa." On the final night an African dinner was served.

A record number of freshmen attended the first Sunday services at the Wesley Foundation at Florida State, Tallahassee, overflowed the chapel and made seating on the front porch necessary.

First church, Lakeland, has accepted the full support of the Rev. and Mrs. Richard A. Petry, recently commissioned missionaries to Peru, as a new Advance Special for this year.

First church, Dade City, is about ready to start an extensive remodeling program. The two-story educational wing is to be virtually rebuilt, with some new interior wall structures, new panelling, new light fixtures and floor coverings. Part of the lower floor will be utilized as a church library and the entire building heated and air conditioned from a central plant. The exterior will be refinished to blend with the main church building, according to plans outlined by the Rev. Harold Miller.

The Youth Division of Wesley Memorial, Jacksonville, "kicked off" the new Church School year with a football banquet on October 16th. Some 45 guests ate paghetti and heard Dr. John Janger, pastor at Riverside Park, Jacksonville, speak on "Making the Goal" and install the officers for the new year. The program also included songs, yells and a ping pong football game in which everyone participated in some fashion.

So Methodists Say . . .

"Joe Smith in America gives \$50 in order that Joe Smith in India may be well again. It is as vivid and as simple as that. The Advance Special program has to do with Christianity that can be seen—visible Christianity. This is what we call particularized missions."—Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio.

Purely Personal

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Hortin, Christ Church, St. Petersburg, were guests of Senator and Mrs. Wilton E. Hall, Anderson, S. C., during their vacation last month.

Paul Roe Goodman of the Music department at Florida Southern College has been installed as organist at First church, Lakeland, succeeding Edgar A. Ford, resigned.

The Rev. Charles Herron, pastor at Livingston Memorial (Azalea Park), Orlando, is back at work after having been hospitalized for a time last month.

The Rev. Henry A. Guy, pastor at First church, Kissimmee, is reported to be convalescing after an attack of pneumonia.

Conference Evangelist Herb Bowdoin preached at Goss Memorial, Orlando, on October 18th. His brother is a member of that congregation.

Dr. C. Richard Shanor, Minister of Education at First Church, St. Petersburg, is recovering following a recent hospital experience.

The Rev. J. Birney Gross, assistant to the president of Florida Southern College, preached for vacationing Dr. C. M. Cotton at First church, Lakeland, on October 25th.

Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, pastor at Pasadena, St. Petersburg, was the speaker at St. Petersburg's third annual Festival of Faith (Reformation Celebration) held at Al Lang Field on October 20th.

Must Come From Pew

CONWAY, ARK.—America will not experience a real religious revival until Christians reclaim the contagious zeal of the early church, the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman believes.

"The early church had no preachers, but just a company of people telling what they felt about Jesus," the noted radio minister and pastor of New York's Christ Church, Methodist, said in a series of addresses.

He gave the annual Willson Lectures Oct. 13-15, at Hendrix College, marking the Methodist school's 75th anniversary.

"If we ever have a revival in America," Dr. Sockman said, "it will come from the pew instead of the pulpit. Get people to talking about religion as they talk about other things, and you have something."

Warning that most people die by degrees, "morally, spiritually

and physically," Dr. Sockman said "All of us must beware lest we begin to die in middle age. The ideals that seemed so close at 25 seem to be so far away at 45, and we lose our nerve and begin to die by compromise and complacency."

He added that "Man imprisons himself in the body, in the mind and in the heart. Religion can liberate men from their 'prisons within,' and we can win the struggle with ourselves and find personal liberation through the Christian way."

Methodist Bishop Paul E. Martin of Little Rock introduced Dr. Sockman, stating that he had probably preached to more people than any other Methodist today during his 44 years as pastor of one church and in his weekly radio network sermons.

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Laymen's Conference Breaks All Records

Attendance at the three sessions of the Laymen's Conference held at the Youth Camp, Leesburg, this Fall broke all previous records with a total of 1,554 Methodist men being registered. Last year's attendance was 1,182.

The Miami District with 240 men attending was first. The St. Petersburg District was second with 202 and the West Palm Beach District was third with 201.

The first session which took place Sept. 25, 26, 27 featured Dr. Charles Ray Goff of the Chicago Temple as main speaker. Dr. Kenneth Goodson, of First Methodist Church, Charlotte, N.C. was a speaker at the second session Oct. 2, 3, 4 and Dr. Charles L.

Leader of the Memphis Conference; J. Nelson Gibson of Gibson, N. C., Lay Leader of the North Carolina Conference; Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, N. C., Lay Leader of the Western North Carolina Conference; Dr. Don Calame and Robert J. Genins of Chicago, members of the staff of the General Board of Lay Activities.

Glenn Draper of Pfeiffer College in North Carolina; Stacey Selph of Orlando and Herb Bowdoin of Lakeland were song leaders. Mrs. Freda Hilton of Orlando was pianist.

Among the Florida ministers who conducted devotions at the conferences were Dr. Edward J.

Pendergrass of

Orlando, Rev.

Robert L. Gisler

of Jacksonville,

Dr. P. M. Boyd

of Miami, Dr.

Lewis N. Head

of Coral Gables,

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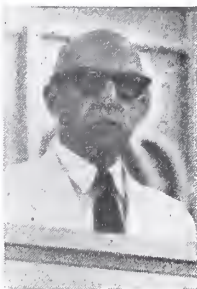
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Cleveland of St. Petersburg.



Dr. P. M. Boyd

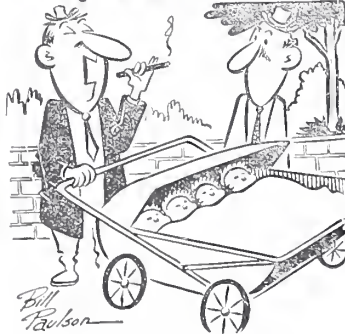
An offering for Youth Camp projects totaled \$12,239.94 while a communion offering for Fellowship of Suffering and Relief amounted to \$842.68.

R. H. Berg, Conference Lay Leader, says plans are being made to accommodate 700 at each of next year's three sessions.

members at a special luncheon meeting on Saturday, November 14, at 1 p.m.

The project is also in operation in New York, Chicago, Orlando, and St. Petersburg.

My Neighbors



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Ground Breaking At North Miami

Led by the Rev. Leslie Rabb, pastor, ground-breaking services were conducted on October 25th for the new sanctuary to be built by St. Paul's Church, North Miami. District officers, civic officials and members of the church participated in the ceremonies.

The new structure, designed by Robert Fitch, features a tower which will rise 74 feet above the ground. The sanctuary will seat 475 persons and there will be a chapel which will seat 80 persons. There also will be two church offices, two choir rooms, a meeting room and two rest rooms.

The chapel is being dedicated in memory of Mr. Rudolph Anderson and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Geiger, Sr., by Mr. and Mrs. James Geiger, Jr. Mr. Geiger, Jr., is also chairman of the building committee.

Present plans call for the completion of the building by April 3, 1960.

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"Wanted - Lost Alumni"

A unique method for searching out former students of Florida Southern College is now underway under the project name of "Wanted-Lost Alumni."

Alumni Director Hal Waters announced recently that the project is being taken up by many of the college's alumni chapters.

Teams of from three to five chapter members work together like small detective agencies, using telephones, post cards, and personal visitations to search out former students who have lost contact with the college.

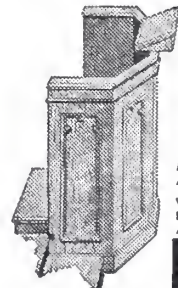
"We are receiving new addresses every day," Mr. Waters said. "The alumni have taken to this project enthusiastically, and I believe the reason is because it permits every member of the alumni association to take an active part."

At a recent executive meeting of the Polk County Alumni Chapter, it was unanimously accepted by the officers as its projects for 1960. It will be put before the

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Another Methodist Preacher in History

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A Methodist minister helped save the official copies of the U. S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence 145 years ago.

The story was retold recently by Caspar Nannes, religious news editor of the Washington Star, in his weekly column, "Human Side of Religion."

He dug up the historical note in connection with Rokeby, an attractive old 18th century house across the Potomac River in Leesburg, Va.

"When the British burned Washington (War of 1812), President Madison ordered a State Department clerk, Stephen Pleasanton, to take the Constitution and Declaration of Independence from the Capital City to a safe place.

"Pleasanton brought the precious documents to Loudoun County and put them in the custody of the Rev. John Littlejohn, collector of revenue and also pastor of the Old Stone Methodist Church.

"Littlejohn brought the documents to Rokeby and during the month of August, 1814, they reposed in a vault under the front steps of the house."

Choosing the Important

When St. Augustine landed on the Island of Britain, he went straight to one of the chiefs. The chief, surrounded by his principal warriors in their dark and smoky council hall, listened to St. Augustine's request that he preach to the warriors assembled.

The chief replied, "A bird has flown through the council hall. He has come from the darkness. We know not where he has flown into the darkness, we know not where. So with our lives, Oh stranger, if you can tell whence we come and where we go, speak and we will listen."

Things of the moment are often too much with us. But there come times when golf clubs, business, television and decks of cards do not entirely satisfy a man. We realize that

"For a cap and bells our lives we pay,

Bubbles we buy for a whole soul's tasking."

Every Sabbath is a time to stop to choose what is most important in life, to give the eternal essentials due thought. As the nationwide Religion In American Life observance urges, "Find the strength for your life . . . worship together this week."

Another Dream Coming True

Last year, First Church, St. Petersburg, contributed \$7,500 towards the purchase of lots and this year is providing a like amount to help establish a new church in a fast-growing area of the St. Petersburg District.

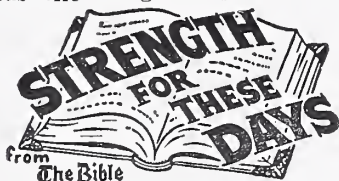
Thus, it was with great joy that the pastor, Dr. M. C. Cleveland, and layman Dr. W. E. Kendall attended a service on the afternoon of October 4th at which Dr. Denver Pickens received 44 charter members into the Cross Bayou Methodist Church.

Dr. Pickens, a retired minister now living in Florida, was assigned to this new work at the Annual Conference in June.

Rudy Memorial Church Makes Rapid Growth

The Rudy Memorial Church, Miami, sponsored by First Church, South Miami, and named in honor of the latter church's former pastor, the late Dr. A. V. Rudy, has officially reached its first birthday and is a fine, healthy, young congregation. Led by the Rev. Mario Alfonso, the church now boasts approximately 300 members and is entirely self-supporting.

Meanwhile, the proud "mother" church received a special offering on October 18 to apply on the debt it assumed in order to bring the new church into existence. And thus the Kingdom grows.



Let not kindness and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the tablet of thy heart: So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man. — (Proverbs 3:3-4.)

Worth often is indicated by durability. That which is useful endures. That which becomes useless is cast aside and something better takes its place. In the 2,200 years since kindness and truth were prescribed in the Book of Proverbs, none of the world's wise men has found better precepts to serve as guideposts in living. Can anything replace them?

Floridians Head Class

Newly-elected officers of the third-year class of the Candler School of Theology include: Grant Hinshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hinshaw, St. Petersburg, president; Eston Dale Harward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eston Harward, Bowling Green, vice-president; David Tyler Scoates, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Scoates, Jacksonville, secretary-treasurer; and Lloyd Allen Doyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Doyle, Chicago, Illinois, Honor Council representative.

It's A Methodist Fact . . .

"The chief issue of today can be summed up in this question: Does Christianity have the confidence, the courage and the daring to fulfill the Christ's commission to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations?"—Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas, Texas.

"We in America must know the language and the seeking of the people of the world and realize that while we must remain strong militarily that military might is today not the most important factor in the world."—Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind.

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Heads General Conference Delegation

R. H. Berg of Melbourne, Conference Lay Leader, was elected



Mr. Berg

chairman of the Florida delegation to General Conference and to Jurisdictional Conference at an organization meeting of the delegation Friday, Oct. 9.

Dr. Don A. Cooke of Bradenton, secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference, was elected vice-chairman and Dr. Hale Hagler of West Palm Beach was chosen secretary.

Assignment to standing committees and discussion relative to hotel accommodations at Denver and at Lake Junaluska were other matters considered at the first meeting of the delegation which was held at the Youth Camp.

The delegation voted to meet again at Lakeland Monday, January 4 at 4 p.m.

Clearview, St. Petersburg, Reaches 50-Year Mark

The Rev. Hoyt Tatum, St. Petersburg District Superintendent, and Dr. J. H. Daniel, who was the church's first regularly appointed pastor some 47 years ago, were the preachers when the Clearview Church, St. Petersburg, observed its 50th birthday on Sept. 27th. An Anniversary dinner at which the Rev. Richard Wiggins, a former pastor, was the speaker was also held as a part of the celebration.

Clearview's first services were

held in the old Lealman public school 50 years ago and were conducted by the Rev. J. T. Hess of First Church and Mr. Henry Belcher, a layman from First Church. Preachers were secured from Sunday to Sunday until the Rev. J. H. Daniel was appointed to the work in 1912. Since that time 30 ministers have served the church and the membership has grown to approximately 750.

The Rev. Alva H. Brock became the minister at Clearview in 1955.

Since that time he has received 438 new members into the church and the church plant has been improved and enlarged until it is now valued at \$140,000. In 1957 the Rev. H. B. Adams was added to the church staff as a church visitor.

Latest improvements to the property include the enlarging and redecorating of the sanctuary, the tiling of the floor of the fellowship hall and the enclosing of the kitchen.



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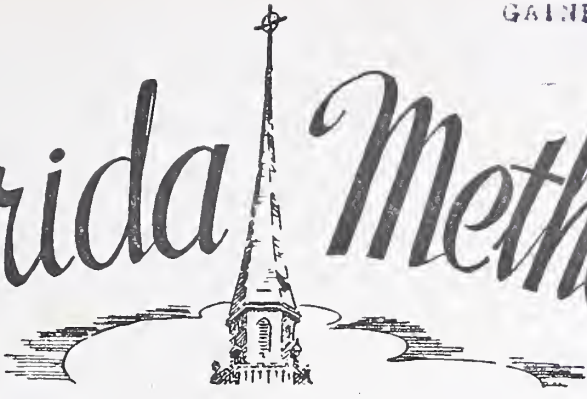


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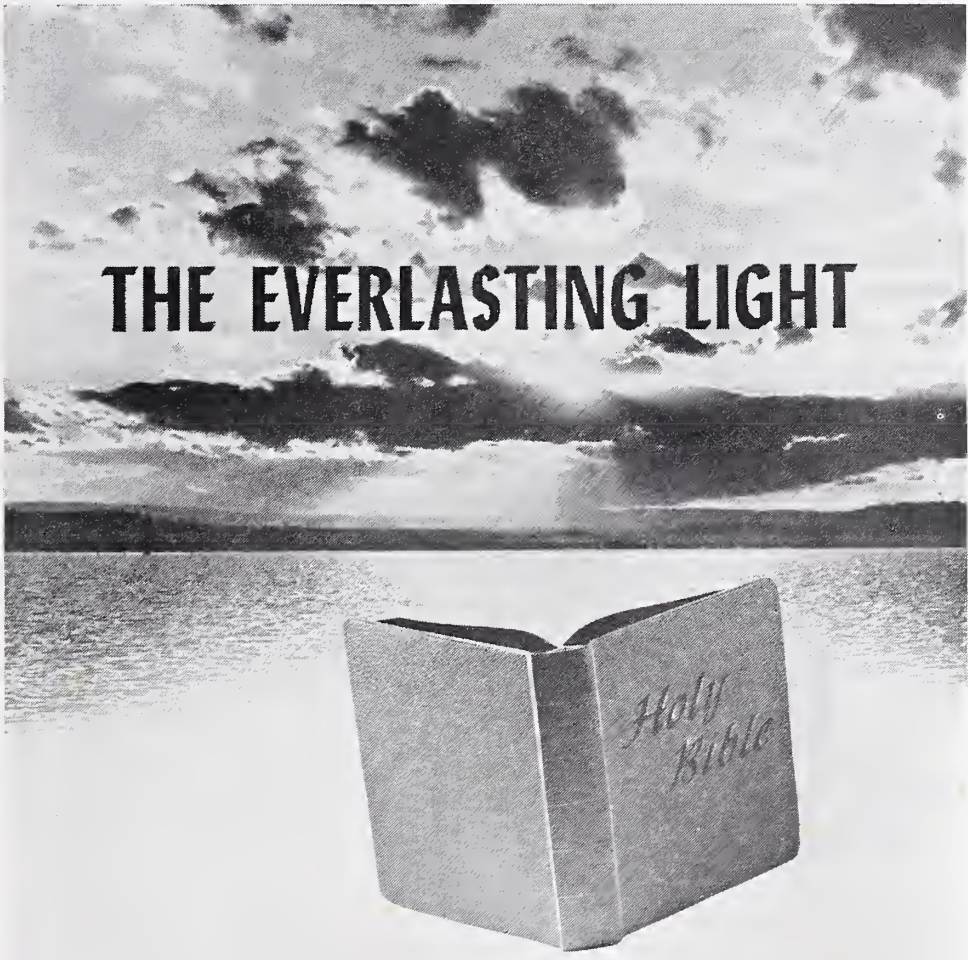
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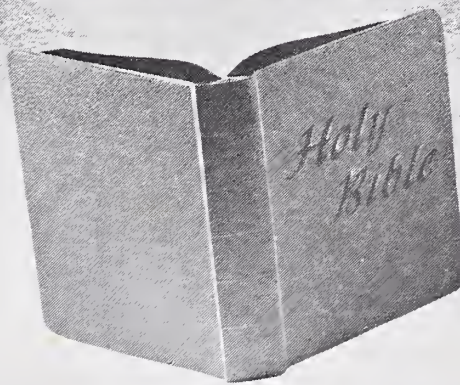


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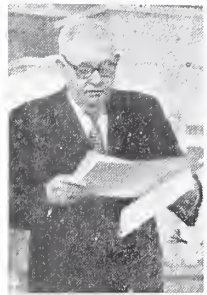
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Word From Bishop Moore

Hong Kong, October 12, 1959

This is one of the most spectacular, picturesque and fascinating cities in the world. The wonderfully blue harbor crowded with modern steamships, Chinese junks with their brown butterfly sails and British and American fighting ships here and there.



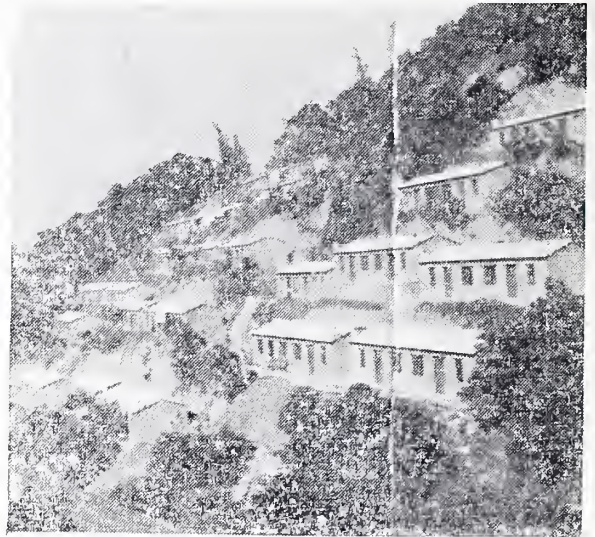
all this constitutes a moving panorama. This beautiful harbor is surrounded with majestic mountains whose slopes are covered with modern buildings. All of this in contrast to the innumerable squatter villages housing hundreds of thousands of refugees who have fled the Communist scourge on the mainland and have come here to breathe the air of freedom. The island is about eleven miles long and its width varies from two to five miles. The harbor area covers about seventeen miles and

once one crosses over from the city of Hong Kong, he is on the Kowloon peninsula and only a few miles from the border of Communist China. My hotel is just across the street from the railroad terminal in Kowloon and from my window I watch trains leaving for Red China. Naturally there are not many passengers.

Hong Kong is a British Crown Colony and is administered by a Governor, assisted by an Executive Committee and a Legislature. The principal languages spoken are English and the Cantonese dialect. However, many of the refugees speak Mandarin and that means in order to serve the people we must be skilled in three languages.

The Methodist work here is approximately one hundred years old and was originally related to Methodism in Great Britain. Our particular branch (American) of Methodism was not here until the capture of the mainland of China by the Communists and the coming of vast numbers of people to this city of refuge. Among these exiles are many of our own Methodist people and naturally we have followed them with missionaries and every possible help we can offer. Our relationships with the English Methodists are most cordial and cooperative. Generally speaking the English work is done in the Cantonese dialect and ours is with Mandarin speaking people.

We have three flourishing congregations at the moment and two outposts where we conduct worship services. We have two large housing projects where we offer shelter to the homeless while they make a new start in life. One of these housing projects is known as Wesley Village and one is known



This Is Wesley Village in Hong Kong

as Asbury Village. At Wesley we have 83 apartments and at Asbury, which has just been completed, we have 131 apartments. Let no American reader get the idea that these are spacious dwellings. We average more than four persons to a room but in crowded Hong Kong such quarters as these are considered most desirable.

Last Sunday I inspected a new primary school built by help from the Woman's Division of Christian Service. There are twelve large class rooms and an assembly auditorium. We have a capacity of five hundred and forty pupils and on opening day one hundred and fifty applied for admission. No doubt, we will have to turn down many applicants at the beginning of the next term of school. The building is modern in every respect and we can point to it with pride as an institution of the Methodist Church.

We have two flourishing congregations, as I said above, and one is known as the Ward Memorial Church and one is the North Point Church. One congregation worships in a converted garage building and the other meets in an auditorium at the Y.M.C.A. One of the pressing responsibilities which I inherited from Bishop Ralph Ward when he fell at his post was to secure funds with which to construct two church buildings in order to house these rapidly growing congregations.

It has been estimated that the cost of these two new church buildings will amount to \$225,000.00 American dollars. The people in America, during the last two years, have responded generously and if I can secure twenty-five thousand additional dollars we will let the contracts. As I write these lines I saturate them with a prayer that churches and individuals who read what I write will be moved to help complete these needed projects and will mail checks to me to help. A little help will enable us to reach a desired goal for which so many have prayed and labored for so long.

The Annual Conference will be held at Taiwan, (Formosa), October 22 - 25. I will leave Hong Kong shortly for that wonderful land where another heroic struggle for freedom is taking place. Bishop Hobart Amstutz from Singapore has accepted my invitation to come and visit the Conference. Delegates from Hong Kong will fly over to Taipei and be quartered at our Methodist Assembly known as Wesley Grove. The problems and possibilities associated with our Methodist work in this part of the world are so colossal that one has to strive dili-

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On A Wide Circuit . . .

Thanksgiving Is a Way of Life

One can search the wisdom-writings of Confucius — and his was a wisdom that set a civilization for a great segment of humanity — and find scarcely any recognition of a place for **thankfulness** in the everyday life of a man. Patience, and gentleness, and humility, and harmony are characteristics of Confucius' "moral man," but there is little of **thanksgiving** expressed—and none to any higher power upon whom man is dependent. There is similarly no emphasis upon **thankfulness** in the other non-Christian religions of mankind—not even much emphasis in Islam which has some roots in the Old Testament.

The recognition of **thankfulness** as an abstract religious virtue came into the world with the growth and development of the religion of the Hebrew people. The Book of Psalms is largely a volume of songs of thankfulness—songs in which man acknowledges his dependence upon the will and the justice and the righteousness of a Supreme Being—the Lord God, Jehovah—and bursts forth in praise, rejoicing, and the giving of thanks. Now, I am sure, **thankfulness** is a God-given attribute of the human spirit, and was "in man" from the beginning, but it was only among these Hebrew religionists that it was "isolated" as a virtue, and nurtured as one of the finest fruits of men made in the image of God.

Jesus Christ still further ennobled **thanksgiving** as one of the great virtues of mankind: "He took the cup and gave thanks;" "when He had given thanks, He distributed . . .;" "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me." And Paul and the disciples lifted the idea of **thankfulness** to its present high place in the Christian virtues. There is scarcely a chapter in the Acts or in the Epistles that does not in some way give some expression of thanks to God. The early church (as ours today) had the knowledge of Christ and had the "indwelling of the Holy Spirit" in addition to all that had been made known of God in Old Testament times; and for this salvation and enrichment men ceased not to give thanks at all times and in all places.

But true **thanksgiving** is not a mere matter of verbal acknowledgment, or of some formal ascription of praise, or of some beautiful song of rejoicing because of "benefits received." True thankfulness is an **acknowledgment of a debt** received from the

By W. W. REID

Divine Source, plus an effort to help repay that indebtedness through service directed toward doing the will of God upon earth. That "doing of God's will" can be achieved largely by sharing with all men everywhere the gifts—physical and spiritual—which God has placed under our control **but not necessarily for our sole and selfish consumption.** The truly thankful Christian is a Christian sharing with all mankind.

The truly thankful Christian, like Paul of old, centers his life and his religion in thankfulness; he acknowledges a debt to a Power higher and greater than himself; and he tries, in some small way, to pay that debt by sharing. The sharing is of goods and of spirit. **Thankfulness** becomes a way of life. A poet (unfortunately unknown to me) gives us a glimpse into some of God's

daily gifts which Christians should recognize—and share:
"Five thousand breathless dawns
all new;
Five thousand flowers fresh in dew;
Five thousand sunsets wrapped in gold;
One million snowflakes served ice cold;
Five quiet friends; one baby's love;
One white mad sea with clouds above;
One hundred music-haunted dreams
Of moon-drenched roads and hurrying streams,
Of prophesying winds and trees,
Of silent stars and browsing bees;
One June night in a fragrant wood;
One heart that loved and understood:
I wondered, when I waked at day,
How—how in God's name—I could pay!"
What would you add to these "debts for thankfulness"—and how would you pay?

MAKES DRESSES FOR CHILDREN'S HOME



Mrs. Homer Reitz and some of the 100 dresses she made for Children's Home girls.

Had you been at Florida Methodist Children's Home when Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reitz arrived, you might not have believed what you saw, either. This industrious couple delivered 100 beautiful dresses for our girls.

This useful surprise began a few years ago when Mr. Reitz bought his wife a sewing machine with all those useful gadgets. She began at once to look about for projects which would relieve human suffering, meet useful needs. After she had completed dozens of aprons, she began making dresses. Pushing back her horizons she decided to make in one year's time 100 dresses for the girls of our Home.

This was no production line project. Each dress is different,

many patterns were used, there is a lot of "fancy work" on the dresses and each is carefully finished, as though for one's own beloved child.

Mr. Reitz provided much more than the sewing machine. When he saw his wife's great interest in sewing for others, he decided to do the housework.

This delightful couple are members of First Methodist Church, Orlando. When their pastor, Dr. E. J. Pendergrass, recently attended a tea to see the 100 dresses Mrs. Reitz displayed there, he discovered that she was also taking an offering to buy shoes for needy children.

If you desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. Reitz by letter they live at 401 Worthington Dr., Winter Park.

Ground Breaking At Soochow University



Bishop Arthur J. Moore, far right, participated in the ground breaking ceremonies for a new men's dormitory at Soochow University, Taipei, Taiwan. It will be the first dormitory on the campus. The more than 1,000 students of the University hereto-

fore have traveled long distances to and from classes, either staying in their homes or in lodgings in the city. The dormitory, which will house 150, will fill one of the greatest neds of Methodism in the Hong Kong-Taiwan Area, Bishop Moore said.

The
YOUTHFUL ACCENT
By HOOVER RUPERT

EVERYBODY'S DOIN' IT

A few years ago in a Rose Bowl football team, the Trojans of Southern California were being clobbered by one of the Big Ten teams. By the third quarter, one of the Trojan half-backs was about worn out, but still was making a valiant effort each time his number was called to breach the opposing line. But each time he ran into trouble in the form of opposing linemen. It seemed to him that the entire opposing team was centered on stopping him. While about 100,000 New Year's Day fans sat in the Bowl watching, the little half-back tried to make a plunge off his left tackle only to be buried under a mound of tacklers. It took the officials a long minute to get him uncovered. Finally, he staggered to his feet, and looking up groggily, saw the thousands of people in the stands. "Gosh!" he exclaimed to a teammate, "How did all those people get back up to their seats so quickly?"

Any reader who has found himself at the bottom of a "dog-pile" on the football field or the playground can fully appreciate the

young man's feeling. It seemed as if the whole crowd had been on top of him, though there were hardly more than a dozen men actually in on the tackle.

It occurred to me that this may be a picture of today's youth who finds himself face to face with the temptation to follow the crowd into some activity or practice which he knows to be questionable or wrong. He gets swarmed over by the few youth around who have no scruples about this particular practice and he assumes the whole "stadium full" of folks is going along with it. If everybody's doin' it, it must not be too bad, and I'll do it too.

So all the boys go on a beer-bust to celebrate the football team's victory over their bitter rival. It's all good clean fun — why not go along with it? Or the crowd of girls you admire and want to be in with gets out the cigarettes when they are off in the isolation of somebody's bedroom. You don't really want to indulge, but when everybody's doin' it — it's pretty tough to say, "Thanks a lot, but no thanks!" Or, at exam time out come these carefully prepared crib-notes, or a request to copy from your paper or the offer of help when your teacher has put you on the "honor system" in taking exam. And there are many core such perplexing situations which today's teenager must face.

Do you go along with the crowd? Perhaps it helps at such time to recall the early Christians who accepted death rather than compromise, who could have saved their lives with one word, but refused. Even though it seemed "everybody's doin' it!" And a more dramatic reminder comes when you look at the cross at the center of worship in your church. Let it speak to you of one man named Jesus, who changed the world because he would not let it change his dedication and devotion to God. Paul said it like this: "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within - - ."—Rom, 12:2, Phillips

**Youth Caravans
To Be Discontinued**

Youth Caravans, a distinctive feature of Methodist youth work for twenty years, will be discontinued next year.

Changes in local church needs and the growing interest of Methodist students in other types of voluntary service were factors in this decision, said the Rev. Joseph W. Bell, director of the General Board of Education's Youth Department.

At a recent meeting of the Board's caravan committee, plans were made to study new types of voluntary service which may be suggested for the 1960-64 quadrennium. The caravan committee is made up of representatives of the three divisions of the Board of Education.

The committee indicated that in recent years students have shown special interest in work camps and travel seminars, while need for caravan participation has declined.

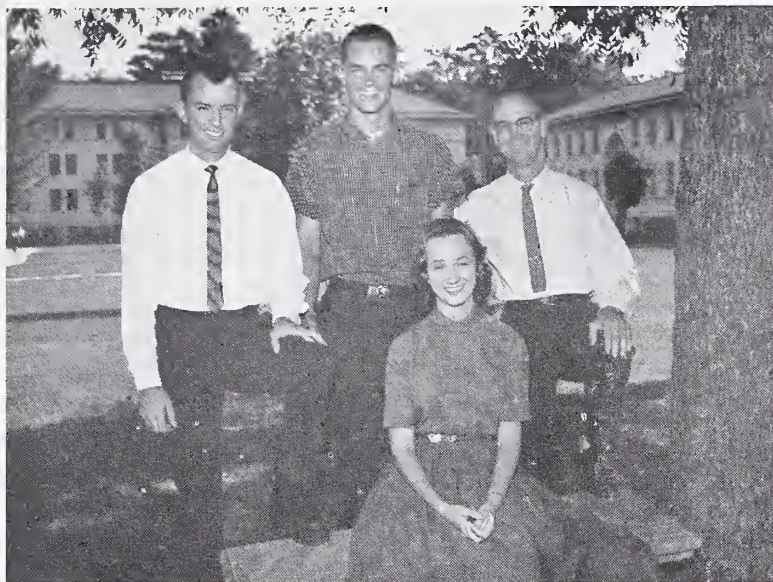
Since the movement began in 1939, a total of 4,519 young people have served as caravaners. The program was launched as the Youth Crusade of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and became an important facet of the national youth program after unification.

Words from the Reformer

A good preacher should have these properties and virtues: first, to teach systematically; secondly, he should have a ready wit; thirdly, he should be eloquent; fourthly, he should have a good voice; fifthly, a good memory; sixthly, he should know when to make an end; seventhly, he should be sure of his doctrine; eighthly, he should venture and engage body and blood, wealth and honour, in the word; ninthly, he should suffer himself to be mocked and jered of every one.

—Martin Luther in **Table Talk**

Florida Youth At Candler School



Seated: Miss Glenda Cail; Standing: E. Clinton Logan, David Hortin, Lawrence A. Drake; Not shown: Donald M. Brown, Richard F. Elliott, Jr., Donald F. Keyes, Jasper O. Witt.

Seven young men from the Florida Conference are among the 155 students entering the Candler School of Theology to pursue studies leading to the Bachelor of Divinity degree at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. There is also a young woman, Miss Glenda Cail, entering Candler this Fall from the Florida Conference to begin work on the Master's degree in Christian Education.

In this first quarter those seeking the B. D. degree will begin studies in Old Testament, Church History, Preaching, and Missions. In addition to these, the nine quarter program will include courses in Theology, Religion and Society, Counseling, Christian Education, the organization and operation of the local church.

The Candidate for the M.C.E.

Plan for Merger Of Boards Endorsed

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Staff members of three of The Methodist Church's general boards dealing with social concerns have endorsed a plan for the unification of their agencies.

The agencies are: Board of Temperance, which has its national headquarters here; Board of World Peace and Board of Social and Economic Relations, both located in Chicago.

The proposed merger, now being studied by the church's Coordinating Council, is expected to be a chief item of business before the Methodist General Conference when it opens April 7 in Denver, Colo.

Features of a united agency, likely to be called the Board of

degree, Miss Cail, will study "Methods of Teaching" and "Curriculum Material" along with courses in Bible, Church History, and Theology. She is preparing to become a Director of Christian Education.

More than 400 students have registered for the Fall Quarter. Classes meet four days a week and about 50 per cent of the students serve appointments in the conferences near Emory.

"We are encouraged about the future of Methodism by the quality of men studying for the ministry," Doctor William R. Cannon, Dean of Methodism's largest seminary, says.

These students will strengthen the work of our conferences as they complete their preparation.

Christian Social Concerns, were discussed here at a meeting of the staffs of the three boards involved.

"Successful operation of the plan for a united board depends on provision for adequate financing by the church," said the Rev. Daniel E. Taylor, general secretary of the Board of World Peace, who served as spokesman for the staffs.

The discussions here followed a series of meetings of top executives of the three boards with members of the Coordinating Council.

The staff members said they favored a plan of union calling for the new board to be composed of these principal divisions:

1. Temperance, Health and Welfare.
2. Peace and World Order.

3. Human and Economic Relations.

It was stressed that more than a score of major social interests could be delegated within these divisions, retaining the present work of the three boards and opening up new phases of concern. "To unite, not merge, more truly describes our hope," the staff members said.

"This plan would alleviate some of the apprehensions regarding the proposed change which some Methodist fear might submerge valuable interests of one or more of the existing boards," they explained.

"The social problems confronting the church call for a greater effort than we have yet made. We believe the way is opening to a truly united social action agency."

It is understood that Chicago and Washington are being considered as the site of the proposed new board.

There is considerable speculation as to whether the new agency would have a single general secretary or would be a "headless" board with three general secretaries responsible for the work of their respective divisions.

The Coordinating Council, which has approved the proposed merger of the three boards in principle, is expected to consider a specific plan at its Nov. 30-Dec. 1 meeting in Chicago.

Tampa District Has Christian Workers' School

An enrollment of 1200 was the goal for the Tampa District Christian Workers' School which was held in Hyde Park Church, Tampa, the last week in October.

The faculty included Dr. Leonard Wolcott of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.; the Rev. Leslie Ross of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville; the Rev. Eldon Simmons, pastor at Trinity, Tampa; the Rev. Wesley Kersh, pastor at Belmont Heights, Tampa; Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Keboch, Directors of Christian Education at North Church, Sarasota; James Mason, a former Floridian well known in Methodist churches throughout the state now serving as Director of Christian Education at the Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala.; Mrs. J. W. Blake of Tampa; Mrs. J. R. Grant of Clermont; Miss Madeline Wilson, D.C.E. at Trinity, Tallahassee; Mrs. Frances Deputy, D.C.E. at Seminole Heights, Tampa; and the Rev. Richard England, associate pastor of the host church.

Tampa District Superintendent Dr. R. L. Allen was in charge of the school. Dr. J. W. Blake, pastor at Seminole Heights, Tampa, served as Dean and the Rev. Mr. England was the registrar.

News from Bishop Moore

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gently to maintain a spirit of faith — not simply in God's goodness and mercy but in His identification with His Church and a conviction that if we are faithful to Him we will not fail. If we believe in the sovereignty of God we must also believe in the ultimate supremacy of righteousness.

The words of a precious poem are often in my thinking these days:

"I cannot dread the darkness
Where Thou wilt watch over me.
Nor smile to greet the sunrise
Unless Thy smile I see.
Creator, Saviour, Comforter
On Thee my soul is cast
At morn, at night, in earth in
heaven
Be Thou my first and last."

My next letter will be from Taiwan and must be written during the crowded days of the Annual Conference. Until then God bless you.

Sincerely,
ARTHUR J. MOORE

Taipei, Taiwan, October 26, 1959.

We closed the Taiwan - Hong Kong Annual Conference last night and the final business item, as in all Annual Conferences, was the reading of the pastoral assignments. The number to be appointed out here is small compared with the large Conferences in America, but the problems are about the same. The task of sending the right preacher to the right appointment has always been a solemn task for me. Preachers, whether they be in America or out on the mission fields, always amaze me with their cheerful obedience to the marching orders of their church. There is no better system of ministerial assignment than ours, and there are no more capable and consecrated ministers to be assigned than Methodist Preachers. God bless them all.

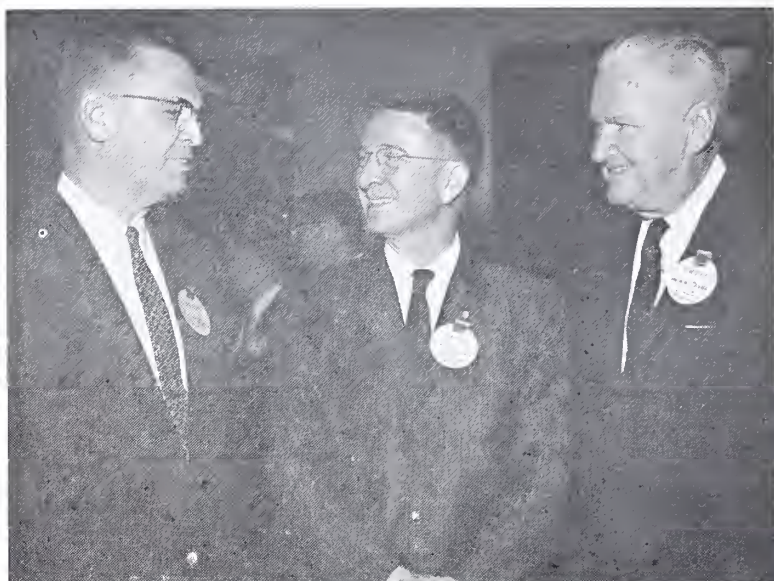
Our Conference sessions were held in a lovely small assembly ground known as Wesley Grove, which we have acquired and developed on a mountain on the edge of this capitol city. All of the delegates, both Chinese and missionary, were quartered here and it added greatly to our fellowship. This was only the fourth session of this Conference and much of our time was spent in perfecting our organization and planning for new activities.

I have discovered, long since, that holding a Conference where you work in another language is more wearing than one at home. In this Conference I had one interpreter to tell me what was being said on the floor and an-

other to translate all my words into Chinese. Fortunately, they were good interpreters and everything went smoothly. I recall years ago while preaching in Warsaw, Poland, speaking through an interpreter who knew but little

English. We got through the sermon poorly and then proceeded with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Anxious to use this young preacher in the service, I turned and said, "Please dismiss them." Meaning those who were kneeling

COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED MEETS



Left to right: Dr. S. Walter Martin, president of Emory University, greets Floridians Tom Siade of Starke and R. H. Berg of Melbourne at the annual meeting of the Committee of One Hundred on the Emory University campus. D. C. Dawkins of Jacksonville, John A. Hoefflin of Pensacola, George Royal of Belle Glade, J. Hilbert Sapp of Orlando and Henry M. Zimmerman of Maitland were also present at the meeting.

The highest calling of a Christian university is to seek God's truth, said Dr. Judson C. Ward, vice president of Emory University in a speech before the Committee of One Hundred.

"This requires courage of a high order," said Dr. Ward. "God's truth does not always serve man's selfish desires. A truly Christian university can never be satisfied with the status quo. It will always make its constituents uncomfortable . . . It must persistently press home fundamentals that will force students to apply religion to life."

"This means a faculty dedicated to great ideals . . . with a belief in God. They must find an atmosphere of freedom to permit them to seek truth where their searches lead them."

Dr. Ward spoke to the committee at its annual meeting at Emory, Oct. 23, 1959. The group, made up of leading Methodist laymen from all over the Southeast, was established by Emory's Board of Trustees in 1954 to help keep Emory and the church closer related. It has as one of its goals strengthening the Candler School of Theology at Emory. This seminary now graduates more Meth-

odist ministers than any other in the world. D. W. Brooks of Atlanta is chairman of the committee.

Dr. Earl Brewer reported briefly on studies showing the growth of several denominations in relation to the growth and development of the nation. He emphasized the necessity for a great increase in minister training and for study and research to help the church meet its opportunities and obligations.

The committee voted to attempt to raise the sum of \$79,620 needed this academic year for the operating budget of the Candler School of Theology. Recent expansion of the seminary to meet urgent needs of the church demands an increase in operating funds. Last year the committee raised \$61,351 for his purpose.

To help assure further growth and development of the work done by Emory for the Methodist Church, the committee restated its plans to enlist 1,000 Methodists who can give \$100 or more each year to support this theology school, and to encourage substantial gifts and bequests to the seminary's permanent endowment funds.

at the altar. He looked frightened and hurried from the church leaving me without any interpreter. Later he returned to say he had not understood me, had thought I had said, "You are dismissed," and that I had discharged him right in the midst of the service.

One of the highlights of our Conference was a significant mass meeting on Sunday afternoon at Soochow University where we broke ground for a Christian Student Center building and a men's dormitory. Several hundred persons, including many highly placed government officials, were present. The lovely old university stood for more than a half-century on the mainland and was the pride and joy of the Methodists in the southern states. Many of the alumni are now in Taiwan and with extraordinary courage and generosity are rebuilding their Alma Mater. I must hurry home and secure at least \$75,000 with which to build a chapel on this campus in honor of the late Bishop Ralph Ward.

My stay in Taiwan has brought me to a new appreciation of the importance of Taiwan, not only for the Chinese but as a part of our own military defense against an aggressive atheistic Communism. If we were to forsake Taiwan, Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines our line of defense would have to be based on Hawaii. Enlightened self-interest tells us to stand by our allies in this part of Asia or see all Asia go Communist.

It would be impossible for me to exaggerate the many courtesies I have received while here. I have been quartered in a comfortable guest house with every provision for my needs. General J. L. Huang, one of China's great leaders, who was my guest both in Atlanta and at Lake Junaluska last summer, has anticipated my every need and left me forever in his debt. He is the President of the Board of Trustees of Soochow University and under his inspired leadership the Chinese in Taipei have given one million Taiwan dollars to erect a magnificent dining hall and gymnasium at Soochow University.

It was my high privilege to be invited last Tuesday night to a dinner given by Generalissimo and Madam Chiang Kai Shek. One is not inclined to write in detail concerning the hospitality of those who invite him into their homes, but this particular occasion was so gracious and cordial that I dare to mention a few details.

The Presidential Residence is a large house situated in the midst of a beautiful park. The Generalissimo and Madam Chiang spend all their time here except for a brief vacation in the sum-

mer when they move to a still more modest bungalow up in the mountains where there are hot springs and a cooler climate. There were several guests present at the dinner party to which I was invited. I shall not list them except to say they represent the very highest levels in the Chinese government and in our armed and civilian forces stationed on this island.

The Generalissimo and the Madam mingled freely with their guests before we were seated for dinner. I had time for an uninterrupted conference with the Generalissimo. He was especially thankful for a gift of money which I brought from our Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and intended for the victims of two severe typhoons. I was given a place of honor at the side of Madam Chiang and directly in front of the Generalissimo where we had a chance to talk during the dinner hour. When we were seated Madam Chiang rose and said, "Bishop Moore is our Bishop and our friend and I request that he pray for us." Such an evening adds up to an unforgettable experience. The simple faith of these two world leaders and their open acknowledgment that they are Methodists made me proud of them. A lovely photograph of the two of them with their signatures below a simple line of personal

friendship will hang on the walls of my study for a long time.

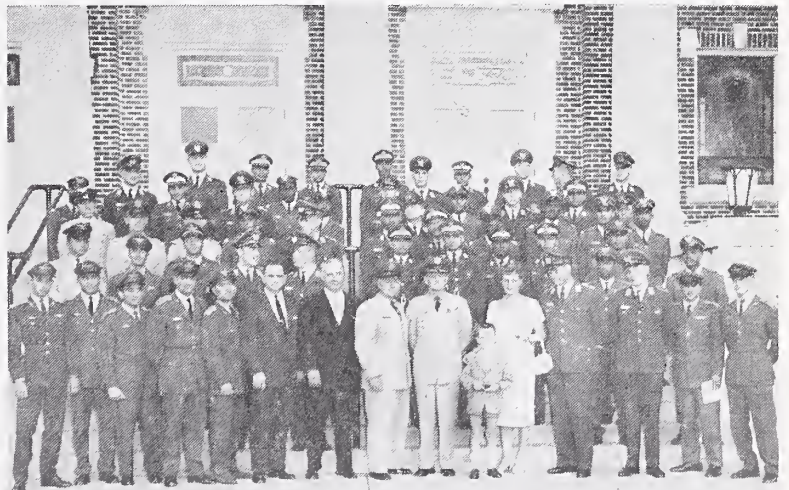
Today I fly to Japan where for a week I shall take part in the Centennial Celebration of Protestantism in that nation. Once again I shall be with old friends for it was my privilege to supervise the work of the Methodist Church, South, in Japan for nearly eight years. Many of the Missionaries and Japanese Christian leaders, whom I knew then, have passed on to their heavenly rewards but many remain. It is a heartening thing to see this nation rising so rapidly from the ruins of war pause to celebrate the arrival and activities of the Protestant churches. The world is coming at long last to see that no group has done so much to keep a topsy-turvy world in balance and to spread the joyful tidings of man's redemption, not to mention the spread of education and medical science, as have these men and women who left the comforts and safety of home in response to Him who said, "Go ye into all the world."

On November 4th, I start the long flight homeward. One more of these "sketchy travel letters," and I will be in my office in Atlanta. Already my heart is there and my body longs to be.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR J. MOORE

STUDENT PILOTS ATTEND CHURCH



Student pilots from five foreign countries who are in training at the Bartow Air Base are shown as they gathered at College Heights Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, October 25 to be supper guests and to attend the service later in the sanctuary at which Chaplain J. W. Poorman of the Air Base was the speaker.

The student pilots are from Ethiopia, Pakistan, Iran, West

Germany and Korea. The civilian on the left in the front row is the Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, College Heights pastor, and the civilian beside him is Truman Miller, of Lakeland, president of the Serv-Air Corporation which is conducting the training program at the air base. The two officers in light uniforms are Chaplain Poorman (left) and Col. Donald Ross, Commanding Offi-

Methodism's Advance

A Record of the Giving of Methodists in the Florida Conference

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FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

I. World Mission Specials

A. CUBA

1. BISHOP'S PASTOR'S SALARY SUPPLEMENT FUND

Eustis	\$ 50.00
Lake Placid	50.00
Keystone	50.00
Tampa: Seminole Heights	100.00
Miami: Wesley	100.00
Orlando: Holden Heights	25.00
Liberty Circuit: Bristol	1.00
Liberty Circuit: Grace	2.00
Kendrick-St. Johns	2.00
Inverness	15.00
Seminole Heights: Tampa	100.00
Dictor's Inlet	6.00
Bushnell	5.00
Kathleen	3.75
Deland: Trinity	270.00
DeLand: Trinity	270.00
Orlando: Concord Park	5.00
Bowling Green	75.00
Jax: Swaim Memorial	135.00
Lakeland: First	100.00
Coral Gables: First	80.00
Greater Miami: Wesley	100.00
Titusville	15.00
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Deland: First	100.00
St. Petersburg: Northside	100.00
Greenville	7.00
Holly Hill	5.00
Orlando: Trinity	5.00
Oviedo-Geneva: Geneva	5.00
Lake City: First	60.00
Liberty Ct.: Bristol	50
Tampa: Hyde Pk.	300.00
Liberty Ct.: Grace	1.00
Jacksonville: North Shore	38.00
Tallahassee Heights	8.25
First: Avon Park	2.50
Greater Miami: Wesley	100.00
St. Petersburg: Northside	100.00

BISHOP'S PIONEER FUND

BISHOP'S EMERGENCY FUND

Avon Park	34.00
Zolfo Springs	15.00
Brandon	10.00
Oxford	5.00
Seville	5.00
Jennings: Jennings	7.50
Hanson	5.00
Naples: First	50.00
Umatilla: First	50.00

SEMINARY BUILDING FUND

Melbourne: First	55.00
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SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND (at \$600 each)

Community-Daytona Beach	50.00
Coral Gables: First	50.00
Daytona Beach: Community	50.00
First Meth.-St. Petersburg	200.00
Hastings	150.00

PRE-SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE AND PUBLISHING FUND

Clearwater: Friendship	10.00
Clearwater: Friendship	10.00
St. Petersburg: Allendale	60.00
Friendship-Clearwater	10.00
Tarpon Springs	11.00

AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

First Methodist-St. Cloud	350.00
First-Ft. Myers	50.00

Jacksonville: First	5.00
Church	100.00
Lee Ct.: Hickory Grove	10.43
Jacksonville: First	5.00

SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS

White Temple-Miami	18.84
Apopka	50.00
Community-Daytona Beach	50.00
Palatka: St. James	4.00
Paiatka: St. James	75.00
Palatka: St. James	10.00
Palatka: St. James	25.00
Palatka: St. James	10.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	40.00
Dania	6.00
Orlando	64.77
Apopka	50.00
Jacksonville: Southside Estates	25.00
Dania	46.88
Dania	12.00
Melbourne: First	250.00
Jacksonville: Southside Estates	25.00
St. Augustine: First	30.00
Dunedin	38.00

CUBAN MISSIONARIES' SALARIES

Broadway Meth.-Orlando	200.00
Palma Ceia-Tampa	200.00
St. John's-Tampa	250.00
Winter Haven: Beymer Mem'l.	100.00
Stark	200.00
Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial	100.00
St. Petersburg: First	250.00
Madison: First	500.00
Coral Gables: First	450.00
St. Petersburg: First	250.00
Orlando: Broadway	200.00
Tampa: Temple Terrace	10.00

CUBAN MISSIONARIES' WORK FUND

First Methodist-Tarpon Springs ..	37.75
Cherry Lake-W. Madison Ct.	2.50
First-Okeechobee, Fla.	30.00
First-Phakoe	10.00
Jacksonville: Arlington	60.00
Jacksonville: First	10.00
Miami: Allapattah	25.00
Miami: Trinity	75.00
Belle Glade: Community Meth.	25.00
Orlando: First	15.00
Orlando: First	3.00
Boca Raton	18.30
Jacksonville: First	23.00
St. Petersburg: First	60.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	100.00
Micanopy: Evinston	25.00
Fernandina Beach	35.00
Bartow: First	300.00
Lakeland: Wesley Mem'l.	75.00
Coral Gables: First	40.00
Miami: Floral Park	25.00
Miami: Rader Memorial	25.00
Miami-Southwest	45.00
Lockhard	38.10
St. Petersburg: First	60.00
Monticello	50.85
Anthony	15.00
Lake Wales	10.00
Greater Miami: Miami Beach	100.00
W. Palm Beach: Wagg Mem'l.	1.05
Ft. Pierce: First	5.00
Lakeland: College Heights	40.00
Orlando: First	3.00
Orlando: Pine Castle	3.78
Pine Hills	5.00
Orlando: Reeves Mem'l.	20.00
Anona	5.00
Anona	5.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	300.00
St. Petersburg: Seminole	30.00
Boca Raton	20.00
Fernando Beach: Mem'l. Meth.	35.00
Jacksonville: Lakewood	5.00
Macclenny	15.00
Lakeland: Methodist Temple	15.00
Mulberry	30.00

Miami: Rader Mem.	25.00
Miami: Whitt Temple	24.18
Orlando: First	750.00
Orlando: First	400.00
Sanford: First	30.00
Sanford: First	12.50
West Palm Beach: Wagg Mem'l.	99.16
Pahokee-First Meth.	10.00

CUBAN NATIONAL PASTORS' SALARIES

Community-Daytona Beach	50.00
Deland, First	100.00
Park Temple-Ft. Lauderdale	300.00
Jacksonville: Springfield	135.00
Jacksonville-Beach	300.00
Winter Haven: Beymer Mem'l.	100.00
Orlando: College Park	100.00
Starke	50.00
Orlando: College Park	100.00
Jacksonville: Riverside Park	20.00
Winter Haven: Beymer Mem'l.	100.00
Tampa: Tampa Heights	120.00
Coral Gables-First Meth.	80.00
Daytona Beach: Community	50.00
Melbourne: First	100.00
Miami: Tarboux Mem'l.	90.00
Reeves Memorial	100.00
Tampa: Tampa Heights	120.00
W. Palm Beach: First	100.00
Belle Glade Community	250.00
Lakewood: Cavalry	600.00
W. P. Beach: Northwood	250.00

CUBAN NATIONAL PASTORS' WORK FUND

Glen Spring-Jacksonville	4.00
Glynlea-Jacksonville	4.00
Hendricks-Jacksonville	4.00
Lakewood-Jacksonville	4.00
Peeler Mem'l.-Jacksonville	4.00
Wesley Mem.-Tampa	5.00
Deland: Trinity	30.00
Deland: Trinity	30.00
Arcadia: Trinity	100.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	6.00
Miami: Allapattah	50.00
Miami: Trinity	45.00
Palatka: St. James	10.00
Coral Gables: First	67.00
Coral Gables: First	67.00
St. Petersburg: Northside	14.00
Jacksonville: Peeler Mem'l.	53.00

OTHER ADVANCE SPECIALS TO CUBA (Including building parsonages, chapels, churches)

First Church-Lakeland	200.00
M. Church of Wildwood	50.00
Community-Daytona Beach	50.00
Orlando: College Park	15.00
Hernando	10.00
Manatee-Bradenton	15.00
Fort Pierce-First	20.00
St. Paul's	3.75
Park Temple-Ft. Lauderdale	362.50
Hawthorne	25.00
Williston	100.00
Jacksonville: First	39.00
Jacksonville: First	23.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	5.00
Dania	5.00
Dania	8.54
Miami: White Temple	250.00
Cocoa	1300.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	4.00
Clearwater: Friendship	12.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	14.52
St. Petersburg: Christ	5.87
Jacksonville: First	30.00
Jacksonville: First	68.00
Jacksonville: Highlands	5.00
Coral Gables: First	1030.00
Plant City: First	25.00
West Palm Beach: First	100.00
West Palm Beach: First	50.00
Dinsmore	6.00
Jax: Swaim Memorial	25.00

Christ and his Church

Coral Gables: First	20.00
Coral Gables: First	20.00
Daytona Beach: Community	50.00
Jacksonville: Snyder Mem'l.	9.00
Lakeland: First	300.00
Miami: Allapattah	15.00
St. Petersburg: Northside	5.00
Ft. Myers: First	50.00
Tampa: Hyde Park	200.00
W. Palm Beach: First	50.00
Jacksonville: Fairfield	30.00
Jacksonville: Riverside Park	50.00
Ridge Manor	2.50
Greater Miami: Allapattah	15.00
Sanford: First	74.25
Sanford: First	15.00
St. Petersburg: Northside	5.00
Lake City: First	60.00

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MISSIONARIES' SALARIES	
Trinity-Miami	50.00
Park Temple-Ft. Lauderdale	250.00
Oviedo-Geneva: Oviedo	1500.00
Coral Gables: First	100.00
Coral Gables: First	100.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	50.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	516.00
Orlando: First	750.00
Orlando: First	500.00

MISSIONARIES' WORK FUNDS	
Alachua	100.00
Alachua	55.00
Ocala, First	50.00
Morrison Memorial-Leesburg	6.00
Community-Daytona Beach	35.00
Mims Methodist	4.40
Pasadena Com.-St. Petersburg	375.00
First-Okeechobee	30.00
First-Okeechobee	30.00
Jacksonville: First	25.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	20.00
Jacksonville: Springfield	15.00
Kathleen	3.75
Lakeland: Pine Castle	6.75
Tampa: First	200.00
Starke	100.00
Jacksonville: North Shore	63.00
Jacksonville: North Shore	63.00
Eustis	30.50
St. Petersburg: Christ	50.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	25.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	31.22
St. Petersburg: Pasadena	17.49
Sarasota: First	37.20
Orlando: First	6.00
Orlando: First	3.00
Orlando: First	25.00
Orlando: First	50.00
Fernandina Beach	35.00
Jax: Swaim Memorial	25.00
Jax: Swaim Memorial	25.00
Miami: Floral Park	25.00
Daytona Beach: Community	35.00
Anona	200.00
Melbourne: First	25.00
Melbourne: First	41.00
Waldo	5.00
Jacksonville: Lakewood	30.00
Leesburg: Morrison Mem'l.	12.00
Coral Gables: First	25.00
Oviedo	15.00
St. Petersburg: Northside	33.00
Fernandina Beach: Memorial	10.00
Jacksonville: Southside Estates	48.00
Lakeland: College Heights	20.00
Orlando: Pine Castle	6.48
Winter Park	600.00
Winter Park	250.00
Anona	25.00
Boca Raton	20.00
Ocala: St. Marks	38.00
Fernado Beach: Mem'l. Meth.	35.00
Macclenny	37.00
First-Lake Wales	5.00
Orlando: First	400.00
Orlando: First	3.00

Ft. Lauderdale-First	45.00
Ft. Lauderdale-Park Temple	400.00
Pompano Beach: First	30.00
W. P. Beach: Northwood	100.00
Plant City: First	25.00

NATIONAL PASTORS' SALARIES	
NATIONAL PASTORS' WORK FUNDS	
Bradenton: Trinity	15.00
Micanopy: Evinston	25.00
OTHER ADVANCE SPECIALS ABROAD	
Trinity, Miami	75.00
Trinity, Miami	75.00
Community-Daytona Beach	40.00
Forest Hills, Quincy	25.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	10.00
Miami: Coral	25.00
Orlando: Christ	35.00
Orlando: Christ	35.00
Orlando: Concord Park	5.00
Orlando: Concord Park	10.00
Orlando: Concord Park	10.00
Orlando: College Park	40.00
Pierson	35.00
Pierson	35.00
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Pierson	35.00
Pierson	20.00
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Arcadio: Trinity	70.00
Arcadia: Trinity	25.00
Starke	300.00
Wildwood	25.00
Miami: Allapattah	900.00
Orlando: College Park	20.00
Sarasota: First	5.00
Orlando: Goss Memorial	35.00
Orlando: Goss Memorial	35.00
Orlando: Goss Memorial	70.00
Orlando: Goss Memorial	19.91
Wauchula	65.00
Plant City: First	30.00
Lakeland: First	50.00
Daytona Beach: Community	40.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	60.00
Melbourne: First	41.00
Lakeland: College Heights	576.00
Orlando: First	5.00
St. Petersburg Christ	50.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	100.00
Tarpon Springs	24.05
Lake City: First	18.60
Keystone	40.00
Ocala: St. Marks	38.00
Jacksonville: Lakewood	5.00
Kissimmee	20.00
Kissimmee	5.00
Sanford: First	100.00
Belmont Park, Clearwater	30.00
Dunedin	32.00
Dunedin	70.00
Quincy: Centenary	300.00

MISSIONARIES' SALARIES	
Tampa: Seminole Heights	100.00
Plant City: First	25.00
Tampa: Tampa Heights	50.00
Avon Park, First Methodist	10.00
Tampa, Fla. St. John's Meth.	50.00
Tampa: Seminole Heights Meth.	100.00
Tampa: Tampa Heights	50.00

MISSIONARIES' WORK FUND	
Orlando: First	5.00
Jacksonville: First	87.00
College Park-Orlando	15.00
Avon Park-First Methodist	17.20
Orlando: First	6.00
Jacksonville: First	10.00
Melbourne: First	41.00

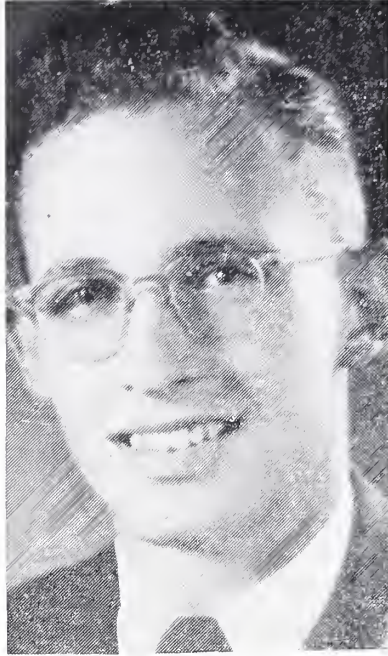
ALASKA METHODIST COLLEGE	
Jacksonville: North Shore	15.00
Lake Placid	50.00
Keystone	25.00
Jacksonville: Southside Estates ..	16.00
Orlando: Holdtn Heights	15.00
Zolfo Springs	15.00

Havana: Salem Methodist	25.00
Liberty Circuit	1.00
Liberty Circuit: Grace	2.00
Brandon	5.00
Daytona Beach Community	10.00
Orlando: Livingston Memorial ..	5.00
Mims Methodist	3.00
Hernando Methodist Church	10.00
W. Madison Ctr.-Cherry Lake	2.50
Tallahassee Heights, Tallahassee ..	3.30
First Methodist, Okeechobee	25.00
First Methodist-Pahokee	10.00
St. Paul's Meth.-Ft. Lauderdale ..	3.75
Baldwin	10.00
Auburndale: First	50.00
Greenville	6.00
Plant City: Sunset Heights	20.00
Williston	12.50
Eustis	10.00
Holly Hill	5.00
Orlando: Concord Park	27.50
Orlando: Pine Hills	5.00
Orlando: Trinity	5.00
Oviedo-Geneva	5.00
Winter Garden	25.00
Naples: First	25.00
Lake City: First	20.00
Liberty Ct.: Gract	2.00
Liberty Ct.: Bristol	1.00
Boca Raton	10.00
Lake City: First	20.00
Doctors Inlet	3.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	5.00
Bushnell	5.00
Kathleen	3.75
DeLand: Trinity	25.00
Mt. Dora: First	5.00
Oviedo-Geneva: Oviedo	10.00
Pierson	10.00
Seville	5.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	7.00
Swaim Memorial Meth.-Jax.	25.00
Lakeland: First	25.00
Coral Gables: First	100.00
Miami: Floral Park	10.00
Daytona Beach: Com. Meth.	10.00
Lockhart	5.00
Titusville	15.00
Miakka-Myakka City	7.00
Lee Ct.: Hickory Grove	4.17
Melbourne: First	16.00
Jacksonville: Fairfield	10.00
Ridge Manor	2.50
Apopka: First	5.00
Monteverde	10.00
Orlando: First	250.00
Orlando: Livingston Memorial ..	5.70
Sanford: First	12.05
Umatilla: First	7.59
Dunedin	6.00

OTHER NATIONAL ADVANCE SPECIALS	
Sarasota: First	10.00
Liberty Circuit: Bristol	1.00
Liberty Circuit: Grace	2.00
Tampa: Tampa Heights	30.00
Miami Trinity Methodist	150.00
Tampa Wesley Mem. Church	5.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	7.00
Coral Gables: First	30.00
Miami: Floral Park	25.00
Miami Springs	60.00
Melbourne: First	20.00
Melbourne: First	16.00
St. Petersburg: Seminole	15.00
Jacksonville: Fairfield	5.00

METHODIST COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS RELIEF	
Garden City	7.50
Jax: Good-Shepherd-Marietta: ...	20.00
Winter Haven: Baymer Memorial ..	17.00
Miami: Floral Park	55.00
Orlando: Holden Heights	10.00
Avon Park	10.00
Bradenton: Trinity	7.50
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Zolfo Springs	15.00

Robinsons to Bring "Adventures in Missions"



Rev. and Mrs. Morrell Robinson

The Rev. and Mrs. Morrell Robinson, our own missionaries in Mayari, Cuba, will be appearing on the "Adventures in Missions" to be held in connection with District Conferences this year.

A fine Florida couple, the Robinsons answered the call to the mission field some four years ago. Mr. Robinson had been serving as the associate pastor at First Church, St. Petersburg. He is a spiritual son of First Church, Jacksonville, and Mrs. Robinson's home church was First Church,

Clearwater.

In Cuba Mr. Robinson serves as a pastor and evangelistic missionary while Mrs. Robinson, in addition to being a wife and mother, is the nurse in charge of the Churchwell Clinic. These devoted workers remained at their posts throughout the recent Cuban revolution and have a message from that strife-torn land that Florida Methodists should be eager to hear. Watch for the dates for your District Conference and Adventure in Missions.

Dr. Joseph Martin Leaves Wesleyan College

Dr. B. Joseph Martin, president of Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., has submitted his resignation effective January 1, 1960, according to an announcement made by Mr. Leo B. Huckabee, chairman of the Wesleyan Board of Trustees. Dr. Martin will become the president of Taylor University in Upland, Indiana.

Mr. Huckabee paid tribute to Dr. Martin as an enthusiastic, energetic and progressive leader who "has made a host of new friends for Wesleyan for which the college will always be in his debt."

A long list of accomplishments during Dr. Martin's administration was cited by the chairman in stating that every member of the board wished Dr. Martin success in his new undertaking.

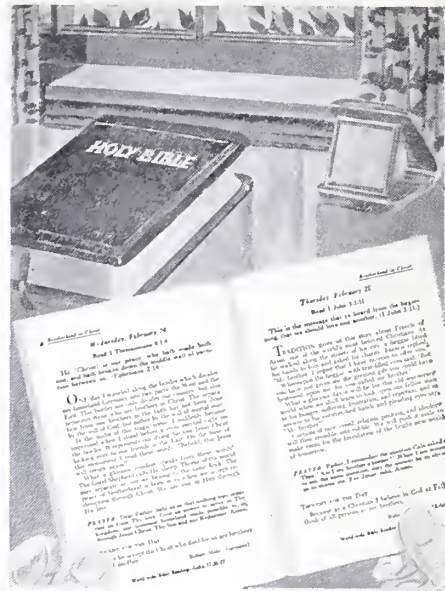
No president of Wesleyan has ever accomplished so much in so short a time, according to Mr. Huckabee. The book value of the college's endowment funds has

been increased over \$800,000 and the return on permanent funds has been increased 75 or 80 per cent. Wesleyan now has the largest student body ever assembled on the Rivoli campus and the interest and support of The Methodist Church has increased substantially in recent years.

Taylor University was founded in 1846 by the Methodist Episcopal Church and is now an independent co-educational school with about 750 students. Mrs. Martin is an alumna of the college.

Conducting Mission In Korean Colleges

Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the Board of Evangelism, heads a team of six which is conducting evangelistic missions in Methodist colleges and schools of Korea in November. The team left Seattle, Wash., Nov. 4. Korean chairman of the mission is Dr. Helen Kim, president of Ewha University, largest woman's university in the world with 6,500 students.



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GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

Professor Watson Duncan of the Palm Beach Junior College spoke to the Methodist Men of First Church, West Palm Beach, on the United Nations last month.

Dr. C. M. Cotton, pastor of First Church, Lakeland, reports that 38 of his members have joined the "Lakeland District Church Builders Club" with contributions accounting for \$1775 per year. New club members are being enlisted in the expectation of bringing the total up to \$6,000.

Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, a charter member of the Williston Methodist Men's Club now confined to his home, recently presented one of his paintings of "Christ With the Children" to the M.Y.F. of First Church, Williston. Miss Amelia Sneller and Mrs. Katherine Harris accepted the picture for the young people.

The Rev. Leo F. King, pastor at St. Paul's, Tallahassee, preached at the Wesley Foundation at Florida State University on October 18th. In his absence, Laymen's Day services were conducted in his own church by Reid Montgomery, Bart Abstein, LeMoyné Cash, Ed Hornsby, Hugh Adams, Jack Buford, Joedy Smith, Jim Alexander and Bill Humphrey.

A "Come as you are" party featured the Halloween program of the senior M.Y.F. of First Church, Dade City. Each member was called on the telephone sometime during the day and was required to attend dressed as at the time the call was received. For each change of clothing members were fined 10 cents to be contributed to UNICEF.

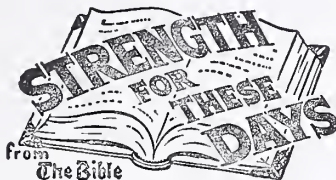
The Methodist Men's Clubs of the Miami District plan to furnish a 500-voice massed men's chorus for the "Kick-Off" Mass Meeting for the "Christmas Revival" which will be held on the afternoon of Dec. 6 at the Dade County Auditorium with Bishop Moore preaching.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. Thomas Parsons, Jr., of Grace Church, Sanford, announce the arrival of Catherine Lynne Parsons, weighing 8 pounds, at the Seminole Memorial Hospital, Sanford, on October 24th.

The Senior M.Y.F. of Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven, gave a paghetti supper recently and cleared \$56 for an Advance Spe-

cial for the work of the Rev. C. L. "Spotty" Spottswood in the Philippines. Also, the Intermediate and Senior M.Y.F.'s collected more than \$250 on their Halloween "Trick or Treat" program for the Share Our Surplus project of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

Methodist Men of First Church, Clearwater, heard the Rev. Robert Terhune, Jr., of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, discuss mental illness at their meeting last month. It was also "Loud Shirt Night" when prizes were given to those men wearing the loudest sport shirts.



A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. —(St. John 13:34.)

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Dr. Wilma Davis, Miss Dorothy Eubanks and Dr. Claude M. Harden were the instructors in a training school held at Wesley Memorial, Lakeland, recently. The Rev. J. Marvin Sweat, Jr., pastor reports an enrollment of 180.

Salem Methodist Church of Havana, celebrated its annual Homecoming Day on October 25, with dinner on the grounds. The Rev. Raymond R. Gregory of Greensboro, preached at the morning worship hour. Mr. Gregory is a Havana boy who grew up in the Salem Church.

Gainesville District Lay Leader Tom Slade told of his recent trip to the Orient and presented the charter to the new Methodist Men's Club at Cross City on October 26th. The pastor, the Rev. Ernest B. Coffee, installed the officers.

Lakeland Methodist churches joined with other Protestant congregations in a "Reformation Day" service held at the First Baptist Church on the afternoon of Sunday, October 25. Dr. Glenn

Archer of Washington, D. C., president of "Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State" was the speaker. Dr. Archer, a Methodist layman, also addressed a similar group at the First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven that same night.

Farris Bryant, Ocala attorney, was the speaker at the Layman's

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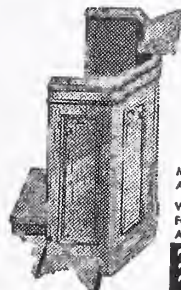
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Day breakfast at First Church, Dade City, and later spoke at the morning worship service.

Dr. Harold A. McCurdy, a member of the Erie Conference who, with his wife, recently moved to Florida, is to serve as Minister of Visitation at First Church, Clermont.

The Salem Church of Havana conducted its Every Member Canvass in October with a resulting pledge of 120% to the budget.

Lanier Upshaw, Lakeland insurance man, took for his subject in his Layman's Day talk at First Church, "Are You a TV Christian?"

A new Senior Girl Scout Troop is being sponsored by the Martha Marie Circle of Edge Memorial Church, Groveland, with **Mrs. Dan Gill**, wife of the pastor, as leader.

Fifteen senior youth of the Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven, M.Y.F. attended the Christian Workers of Tomorrow Conference at the Youth Camp

Mrs. C. Driskell, wife of the pastor of Trinity Church, Lakeland, has undertaken the direction of a new Junior choir being sponsored by the Wesleyan Fellowship Class.

A feature of the Golden anniversary homecoming at Edge Memorial, Groveland, was a display of pictures having to do with the life of the church over its 50 years.

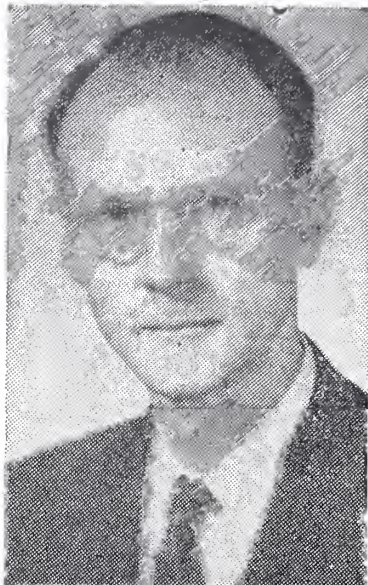
Here's An Idea That Works

Trinity Church, Tallahassee, operates a program within the church to help Methodist University Students feel more at home in Tallahassee and in Trinity. Known as "Operation Seminole," the program was initiated last year by the Recreation committee. More than 110 Florida State University Students were "adopted" by 57 families of the church. The plan called for 'adopting parents' to entertain their "adopted children" in their homes as well as help them find a place in the church. The Recreation Committee sponsors a church-wide "Operation Seminole Supper" once a month; all "Operation Seminole" families are expressly invited and urged to attend along with their "adopted children," who are guests.

Now in its second year, the church counts this as one of its most successful activities. This year, there are more students wanting a Tallahassee "home" than there are families in the Operation Seminole program.

Methodism Becoming A "Class" Church

CINCINNATI — Statistics reported at the national Methodist Conference on Christian Education indicate that most members



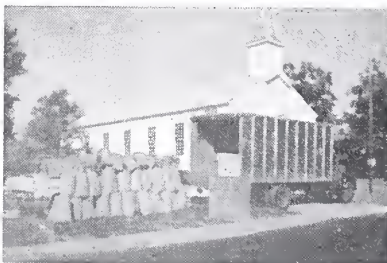
DR. WALTER G. MUELDER

of The Methodist Church are in the upper middle class and that the denomination is failing largely to reach "the laboring classes, families with less income, and persons of lower educational attainment."

The statistics were reported by the Rev. Dr. Walter G. Muelder, dean of Boston University School of Theology, at the biennial conference November 3-8 in Cincinnati. Most of them were taken

Church Promotes Clothing Drive

The North Shore Church, Jacksonville, has installed a collection box for used clothing on the front lawn of the church. The pastor,



the Rev. Herschel Hudgins, reports that the church's "Suit-A-Lite" mission has brought in more than 3,000 pounds of used clothing and the church is now providing the funds to pay processing costs for the clothing. The above picture shows a truck picking up some of the clothing for the United Clothing Appeal.

from a study that faculty members of Boston University School of Theology are conducting for the Methodist Board of Social and Economic Relations.

The nationwide study indicates, among other things, the following:

1. Methodist families have a median family income of \$5,329 per year whereas the median for the nation for males aged 35 to 54 is \$4,687.

2. The chances of a son or daughter graduating from college are at least three times as high as the national average if he or she comes from a Methodist family.

3. The percentage of professional men and women in The

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Methodist Church is more than three times as high as the percentage of these persons in the general population.

4. The Methodist Church has 25 per cent less service workers and laborers in its membership than the percentage in the national population, 75 per cent less private household workers, 70 per cent less operatives, and 20 per cent less craftsmen.

Dr. Muelder said that the study is being done by scientific random sampling. He said the percentages were figured after 5,000 replies to a questionnaire had been received and that 2,000 additional replies have made no appreciable changes in the percentages.

"From these statistics we may conclude," said Dr. Muelder, "that Methodists may be too far ahead of the total population in attainment characteristics to be effective in class-oriented approaches to the evangelism of the rank-and-file."

"This consequence need not continue," he said, "if we are willing to face our actual situation and make a concerted and persistent effort to reach the laboring classes, the families with less income, and persons of lower educational attainment."

"We cannot win the cities nor keep the countryside," he said "if we do not identify ourselves more fully with the so-called common people."

"Of course," he added, "the goal is not to get Methodism's percentage. The goal is adequate Christian experience and relatedness for all."

Other indications shown by the study:

—Only one Methodist in 100 is divorced as compared with two persons in 100 in the total population.

—The percentage of Methodists 75 years of age and over is 40 per cent higher than the percentage of the total U. S. population in that group.

—On the question of segregation, Dr. Muelder said "52.3 per cent stated that members of all races should have the same opportunity, but present patterns must be changed only gradually. A total of 18.9 per cent said that all discrimination and enforced segregation based on race should be abolished forthwith, and 22.8 per cent held that members of all races should have equal opportunities, but segregation is desirable to preserve racial purity."

—A total of 54.2 said that they as Christians should totally abstain from alcoholic beverages, and 27.9 per cent said that they "may use alcoholic beverages as long as they do so temperately and within reason."

BISHOP WATTS DIES



BISHOP H. BASCOM WATTS

For the third time in less than a year, death has removed an active bishop from the leadership of The Methodist Church.

Bishop H. Bascom Watts, head of the church's Nebraska Area since 1952, died in Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln November 3rd—just three days short of his 69th birthday.

He had suffered a cerebral thrombosis Aug. 31 in Estes Park, Colo., but seemed to be recovering and was able to return to his home in Lincoln early in September. He had carried on most of his normal episcopal duties until about two weeks before his death, when his condition grew worse and he was taken to the hospital.

Other Methodist bishops who died during the past year were Bishop John W. Branscomb of the Jacksonville (Fla.) Area, on Jan. 15, and Bishop Ralph A. Ward, on Dec. 10 in Hong Kong.

Funeral services for Bishop Watts were held Nov. 6 in the Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, Okla., where he served for 11 years as pastor and two years as district superintendent before becoming a bishop. A memorial service was also held in St. Paul Methodist Church, Lincoln, on Nov. 5th.

At the time of his death, Bishop Watts was vice chairman of The Methodist Church's Interboard Committee on Town and Country Work and a member of the Coordinating Council, the General Board of Education, and the Advance Committee. He was also a trustee of Southern Methodist University, and other agencies of the denomination.

Bishop Watts was a native of Arkansas and had served as min-

ister of Little Rock's First Methodist Church from 1936 to 1939. His earlier pastorates included University Church, Austin, Texas (1926-30) and the Laurel Heights Church, San Antonio (1930-36).

At the time of his election to the episcopacy by the 1952 South Central Jurisdictional Conference in Wichita, Kansas, he was superintendent of the Tulsa district and was chairman of the Jurisdictional Council. He was assigned as the first bishop of the newly-created Nebraska Area and had served in that capacity ever since. Before 1952, Nebraska and Kansas were tied together in one episcopal area.

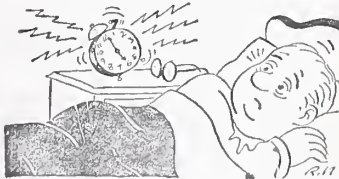
Bishop Watts received the bachelor of arts degree from Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex., in 1913 and the bachelor of divinity from Southern Methodist University in 1918. He was also ordained an elder in the Methodist ministry that year. He received honorary doctorates in divinity from both Southwestern and SMU, and was awarded an honorary doctorate in humane letters from Nebraska Wesleyan in 1953.

He is survived by Mrs. Watts, the former Minnie E. Keyser, a son, the Rev. Dr. Ewart G. Watts, pastor of First Church, Topeka, Kansas, and a daughter, Mrs. Sterling F. Wheeler, whose husband is vice president of Southern Methodist University.

Bishop A. Frank Smith of the Houston-San Antonio Area delivered the memorial address at the Tulsa funeral service, which was conducted by Bishop Watts' successor in the Boston Avenue Church pulpit, the Rev. Dr. Paul V. Galloway. Other participating bishops were Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, and Bishop W. Angie Smith of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area.

In Lincoln, the memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Frank A. Court, with Bishop Dana Dawson of the Kansas Area delivering the address and Bishop Eugene M. Frank of the Missouri Area sharing in the service.

The Old Timer



"There's nothing like the clanging of an alarm clock to remind you that the best part of the day is over."

V. P. Clark Is New Member of Judicial Council

The newest member of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church is a Boston attorney, Vincent P. Clarke, whose home is in suburban Winchester, Mass. He



Vincent P. Clarke

succeeds on this nine-man "supreme court" the last J. Ernest Wilkins of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Clarke was first made a member of the Council at the Uniting Conference in 1939 when the departments of the new church were set up. He served until 1948, stepping out to make a place for a Council member from a Jurisdiction which was not represented.

He continued as first lay reserve until recalled to the Council to sit in the October 15-17, 1959 session in St. Louis.

Mr. Clarke is president of Morgan Memorial, Inc. in Boston and is a trustee of Boston University and of the New England Deaconess Hospital. He is a director of Goodwill Industries of America. In World War I he served in the Navy and in World War II volunteered as a private and rose to the rank of captain. The new Council member has practiced law since 1920 as a member of the firm of Foss & Clarke.

Too often we have failed to train and prepare people for meaningful membership in the church. Our Lord was definite as to the conditions of fellowship. He challenged his followers to total, unconditional commitment to himself. Our Lord's final words to his followers after his resurrection as recorded by Matthew are "Go and make disciples."

—Bishop Richard C. Raines

Methodists Invade Castro's Mountains

Up in eastern Cuba's rugged Sierra Maestra mountains, from which Dr. Fidel Castro launched his successful revolution against the regime of Fulgencio Batista, the Methodist Church has begun an evangelistic campaign to reach thousands of persons heretofore almost untouched by Protestantism. Using as a base of operations the churches and missions in towns at the foot of the mountains, Methodist ministers, missionaries and lay workers have moved into the Sierra Maestra since July with preaching, music and visitation evangelism. It is a part of an energetic post-revolutionary "forward movement" of Cuban Methodism. A Methodist reporter in Cuba writes of the new evangelistic thrust: "The Sierra Maestra mountains, long a land of mystery unfamiliar even to most Cubans, was catapulted into international focus by the Cuban civil war. Now roads and towns with schools and clinics are being built. For the last 50 years, the Methodist Church has been building churches and evangelizing in the areas around the mountains. During the war years (1956-59), Methodist strategy was to ring the Sierra Maestra range with churches, so that when hostilities were ended the mountains could be entered with the Gospel, using each church as a center from which to operate. Now with the war over, evangelistic workers are penetrating deep into the mountains to hold services and to visit. Thousands of interior people have never seen a church or a Bible or heard a sermon. They may be molded as The Methodist Church wishes for the Kingdom of God."

Christian Workers' School

Christ Church, Ft. Lauderdale, of which the Rev. Lee R. Van Sickle is pastor, and Trinity and First Church, both of Pompano Beach, joined together to sponsor a Christian Workers' School which was held in First Church, Pompano Beach, October 25-29. The Rev. John M. Sikes was the host pastor, the Rev. Booker C. Short is the pastor at Trinity, and Mr. Frank Furman, Jr., was the chairman of the Board of Managers.

Instructors for the school included Dr. Theodore Runyon, associate professor of theology at Candler School of Theology, Emory University; Miss Blanche Yeager, Conference Director of Children's Work; and the Rev. Lee Pearson, associate Conference Director of Youth Work. A 4th course on "Parent-Child Relationships" was also scheduled.

Dr. Blinco Holds Crusade For Christ

The eleven Methodist Churches from Juno Beach to Boynton Beach in the West Palm Beach Area are sponsoring a CRUSADE



Dr. Blinco

FOR CHRIST evangelistic preaching mission under the guidance of Dr. Joseph D. Blinco, a British Methodist Pastor and member of the Billy Graham Team. Dr. Blinco brings with him Wesley Boyd of Ireland, baritone soloist.

The rightly meetings of the two week Crusade will be held in the spacious sanctuary of the First Methodist Church, West Palm Beach. Features of the Crusade will be a 200-voice Crusade Choir made up of the choirs of the eleven churches, two interdenominational Prayer Breakfasts at which Dr. Blinco will discuss mass evangelism out of his rich experience in this field; area-wide Youth Rallies on the two Saturday nights of the Crusade; exchange pulpits among the eleven pastors on Sundays and at 10:00 A. M. week day services; and fifteen-minute prayer broadcasts on a local radio station beamed at the membership of the eleven churches with the music of George Beverly Shea and short talks on prayer by Dr. Blinco.

Dr. Blinco and Mr. Boyd will appear on TV. before Service Clubs, and local high schools. It is hoped that this area-wide Crusade may

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saturate the communities with the Gospel of Christ and make a great impact for His truth upon many thousands of persons. The Crusade Committee has voted that after expenses are met all excess offerings will go to the Church Extension program.

Ministers serving as chairman of committees are: Dr. Ludd Spivey, T. Howren Norton, Harris DeWese, and Robert Soka. Chairman of the Crusade is the Rev. Whitney J. Dough.

MRS. MATTIE BRYCE HARDIN

Mrs. Mattie Bryce Hardin, born of Christian parents in Fairfield county, S. C., early gave herself to Christ and the Church. She was happily married to Joe Neely Hardin, brother of Revs. Smith and Carter Hardin of the Florida Conference. Of this union in holy wedlock five children were born, all of whom survive her: Rev. Harvey M. Hardin, post chaplain of the U. S. Army with the rank of lieutenant colonel, now stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; Miss Janet Hardin, for the past 32 years office secretary of the Florida Conference Board of Education, and Miss Nora Hardin, both of Lakeland; Joe Neely Hardin, Jr., realtor, of New York City; and Mrs. C. L. (Mattie Belle) Wilson, of Tampa.

Mrs. Hardin's husband died in 1913, so for forty-six years she has had to carry on without the counsel and support of her husband. Her children, by their honorable and useful lives bear witness to her greatness as a mother.

For the past thirty-two years she lived in Lakeland. She was active in the Sarah Polk Bible Class and the W.S.C.S. of First Church until her last illness forced her to retire from these activities. She loved flowers. She loved her friends. She loved God. She loved her Bible, and often quoted from it when she had strength to do nothing else.

On October 26, 1959, she left her earthly home for her heavenly home. On October 27, funeral services, largely attended, were conducted by Revs. Raymond A. Alley, R. Ira Barnett and W. A. Myres. The body was laid to rest beside that of her husband's in Capers Chapel Cemetery, Chester, S. C.

—R. Ira Barnett

Religion In Life At Florida Southern College

The Rev. James Armstrong, a former member of the Florida Conference now serving the Broadway Methodist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., was one of the visiting speakers at the "Religion in Life Week" held on the campus of Florida Southern College, Lake-



Rev. Armstrong

land, November 9-12, under the direction of the Rev. Francis Luce, director of student religious life at the college.

Other speakers were Dr. Wilis J. Baughman of the University of Alabama; Dr. Jack Anderson, pastor of Southside, Jacksonville; and Professor LeRoy S. Graham of Columbia College, Columbia, South Carolina.

The week's activities included both lectures and informal discussion groups as well as meetings with fraternity and sorority groups.

DR. BIRRELL DIES

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Rev. Dr. Marcus J. Birrell, executive secretary of the Methodist Inter-board Committee on Christian Vocations, died of a heart attack on November 4th while attending the national Methodist Conference on Christian Education in Cincinnati. He was forty-seven.

Dr. Birrell had headed the Christian vocations committee for two years. Before that, he was for 10 years president of Wesley College, Grand Forks, North Dakota. From 1941 to 1944, he was a staff member of the youth department of the Methodist Board of Education.

Survivors include his widow and four children. The children range from elementary school to college age.

St. Paul's, Tallahassee Celebrates 7th Birthday

The Rev. Fred Sanders, pastor at Epperson Memorial, Jacksonville, was the Homecoming preacher when St. Paul's, Tallahassee, celebrated its 7th birthday on October 11th. Mr. Sanders was the church's first pastor, serving from 1952-1955.

St. Paul's was organized October 12, 1952 and, under the leadership of Mr. Sanders and his successor, the Rev. William T. Blair, who served from 1955-1959, it has grown to a church of nearly 1,600 members with an average Sunday School attendance of more than 500. Two units of the proposed church plant have been completed and the present plant is valued at approximately \$250,000.

In June, 1959, the Rev. Leo F. King became the third pastor of this growing church and the program continues to go forward. The church debt has been reduced to less than \$40,000 and the congregation plans to begin construction of the permanent sanctuary in the next 18 months or two years.

Education Building Is Dedicated in South Miami

The Rev. David J. Cathcart, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education, delivered the sermon and led in the Act of Dedication when the people of First Church, South Miami, dedicated their Education Building on Sunday, October 25.

Following the sermon, the congregation reassembled on the lawn in front of the education building for the ceremonies. Mr. Fern Howell, chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided at the Mortgage Burning ceremony and Mr. Ted Grose, chairman of the Commission on Education, presented the building for dedication. The prayer of dedication was given by Dr. Ralph B. Huston, pastor of the church.

Win 13,000 Commitments In Los Angeles Area

A three-day visitation evangelism campaign resulted in about 13,000 commitments in the 403 churches of the Southern California-Arizona Conference Oct. 17-19. "This is the greatest thing we've ever done in the conference," said Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of Los Angeles, "and what has happened to our present members is as important as the new commitments." The campaign was a project of the conference and the national Council of Evangelism, an auxiliary of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville.

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New Church Begun in Ft. Lauderdale Area

Sunday School classes were held and a congregation assembled for worship for the first time in the Cafeterium of the Parkway Junior High School, Ft. Lauderdale, on October 25th. The Rev. Henry G. Galloway, associate pastor at Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale, is giving pastoral leadership to this new congregation in the making. This church will be located in the Plantation area.

The site for a new church in Plantation was purchased last year by the West Palm Beach District Board of Missions and Church Extension. Under the sponsorship of the Park Temple Church and under the leadership of the Rev. Mr. Galloway it is expected that the new congregation will be formally organized early in 1960.

This will be the 6th new church to be organized in the Greater Fort Lauderdale area within a 7-year period.

Anticipate Revision Of Methodist Hymnal

The Methodist Church's 1960 General Conference will be asked to authorize a four-year study leading to a revision of The Methodist Hymnal and to commit to its churches for experimental use during the 1960-64 quadrennium a revised form of the Book of Worship. The Commission on Worship, meeting Oct. 29 in Chicago, adopted memorials on these and other matters. Bishop Edwin E. Voigt, Aberdeen, S. D., commission chairman, said they will also ask the General Conference to strengthen commissions on worship in local churches and annual conferences and to outline their functions more clearly.

Shortest Man Is Methodist

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. — Angele Rossitto, said to be the shortest man in the United States, has joined First Methodist Church, Hollywood. He is two feet ten inches tall.

His wife, also a dwarf, is a member of First Church, Hollywood, and is in charge of its nursery school.

The shortest man was one of 51 persons who joined the Hollywood church as it celebrated its fiftieth anniversary Sunday, October 18.

Mr. Rossitto has appeared on television programs and in films.

Leads District Rallies

Vigorously promoting the work of the Florida Conference Church Extension Campaign, Dr. R. C. Holmes, Conference Secretary of Church Extension is leading District Church Extension Rallies



Dr. R. C. Holmes

throughout the Conference. Rallies already have been held in Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Gainesville, Orlando, Clearwater and Coral Gables.

Rallies yet to be held are as follows: Miami District, Nov. 16, at First Church, Coral Gables; West Palm Beach District, Nov. 17, First Church, West Palm Beach; Sarasota District, Nov. 18, First, Sarasota; Tampa District, Nov. 19, Seminole Heights, Tampa; Lakeland District, Nov. 24, First Church, Lakeland. All of the Rallies are at 7:30 P. M.

Methodist Scholarships

Gregory Abbott of St. Petersburg, a sophomore; John H. Parker of Orlando, a freshman; and Bobbi (Roberta Anne) Feasley of Clearwater, a freshman, are among the eleven Emory University students who have been awarded National Methodist Scholarships by the Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

National Methodist Scholarship awards cover tuition and fees up to \$500 and are granted on the basis of superior academic standing, leadership ability, active churchmanship, character, personality and need.

About 500 such awards are given annually by the Methodist Board of Education in its nationwide scholarship program. More than 5,000 National Methodist Scholarships have been granted since the program was started in 1945.

Bishop W. Angie Smith Given Added Duties

Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, has been chosen to supervise the church's work in Panama, Peru, Chile and Costa Rica. He will do this, effective immediately, in addition to heading the Oklahoma-New Mexico area. The executive committee of the Council of Bishops assigned him to replace Bishop Julio Manuel Sebanes, Santiago, Chile, who had to retire because of illness. Bishop Smith will serve until a new bishop is elected next summer.

Stand for Free Pulpit

A resolution adopted by a group of professors from 11 Methodist theological schools commends church leaders for supporting pastors "whose loyal adherence to official Methodist positions on controversial issues has subjected them to various pressures" and expresses the hope that churchmen will "help to maintain Methodism's historic emphasis on freedom of the pulpit." The resolution, which will be sent to the 1960 General Conference, was adopted at an informal meeting of the professors of social ethics in Evanston, Ill., Nov. 1.

Dorothy Thompson Hits 'Price Tag' on Clergy

The popular impression that the bigger the pay, the better the minister is attacked by Dorothy Thompson, noted journalist, in the November *Ladies' Home Journal*. Writing under the title, "I'm the Child of a King," she relates the story of her growing-up years as the daughter of a Methodist minister, the late Peter Thompson of Genesee Conference in New York State.

"The church in the modern world must always be redefining its message and mission for this is an age of many contradictory appeals."—Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga.

The Old Timer



"Listening to the 'Top 40' popular songs makes you wonder what the bottom 40 are like."

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TAMPA, FLORIDA

Planning The Conference Music Workshop



Meeting in Lakeland on November 17, the above group carefully planned the Florida Conference Music Workshop to be held at the Leesburg Youth Camp, May 10 - 12, 1960. Those in the group are, left to right: The Rev. David J. Cathcart, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education and Directors and Ministers of Music; Mrs. Justine Tiggart Cannon, Ft. Lauderdale; Miss Virginia Hedding, Bradenton First Church; Mrs. E. Ruffin Jones, Gainesville First Church; Mrs. Louis Dring, Lake Worth Calvary. (Back Row) Grant Fulen, St. Petersburg First Church; Grat Rosazza, Ft. Myers First Church; Barnes Sale, Jacksonville Beach; Robert Wilde, Ft. Lauderdale, Park Temple.

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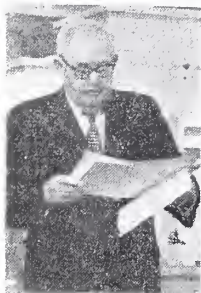
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More Word from Bishop Moore

Tokyo, Japan, November 4, 1959

After more than a week of travel and observation in Japan, I am prepared to say that present day Japan is a miracle. At the end of World War II this nation was absolutely prostrate. Its cities were in rubble, its ships at the bottom of the sea, its economy wrecked and its people humiliated by as severe a defeat as ever came to any people. But



BISHOP MOORE

with initiative and hard work for which the Japanese are famous, they have rebuilt their nation so that today one finds a new Japan with spirit and a new philosophy of cooperation which enables this country to take its place in the family of nations. When I registered at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, I could hardly secure a room due to the crowd gathered from all over the world for an International Trade Conference. Of course, a vital part in all this rebuilding has been played by the United States of

America and for that I am proud.

Perhaps my friends back home would be interested in the schedule of work I have carried during the last nine days. Let me hasten to say that I have not been here as a tourist. I have scarcely known ten days into which were crowded more exciting and delightful responsibilities. Here is a list of some of these duties:

October 26th: Arrived in Tokyo, met by delegation of Japanese church leaders and missionary colleagues.

October 27th: Travel by train from Tokyo to Kobe, a journey of twelve hours. Kobe was the center of the activities of the Methodist Church, South and it is in this part of Japan I feel most at home. To be the house guest of John B. and Theodora Cobb, two of the grandest missionaries in the world, was worth the journey.

October 28th - 30th: I conducted evangelistic meetings in Palmore Institute, Kobe and spoke daily at Kwansei Gakuin, one of Japan's truly great universities, founded by the late Bishop Walter Lambuth.

On November 1st: I preached at 11:00 A.M. in our large Japanese church which stands on one of the main thoroughfares of Kobe. That same afternoon I spoke and dedicated the Lambuth Memorial Chapel located on the campus of Kwansei Gakuin where there are ten thousand students. This lovely chapel is the gift of a Japanese citizen who happens to be a Korean and a Buddhist, but out of his appre-

ciation of what the church has done for his son, he made this most generous contribution. The chapel is a thing of beauty and would lend dignity to any college campus in America. Walter Lambuth, son of early missionaries of China and later a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South came to Japan in 1886 to assist his honored father in opening up Methodist work. Later he founded Kwansei Gakuin which, as I have stated, has become one of the great universities of the world. In later years, after the good Bishop had opened up our mission in the heart of Africa and carried on world-wide ministry, he came back to Japan to hold an Annual Conference and died while here. If there is any person in the world who doubts the lasting values of foreign missions, he should have been with me here in Japan, during the past week.

All the Christian groups in Japan are celebrating this year the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of Protestantism in this land. Celebrations have been going on all over the Empire for a year and have reached their grand climax here in Tokyo this week. It is my high honor to be here as the representative of the College of Bishops and as President of the Board of Missions. Time and time again during my visit, my heart has been warmed and my pace quickened by this outpouring of thanksgiving for what our churches have been able to do. Protestantism is still a minority in this nation of ninety million, but its influence far outruns its numerical strength. One of the highlights of this celebration has been the awarding of certain high Japanese decorations to some of our missionaries who have lived and worked out here for nearly a half-century. Miss Mabel Whitehead of Alabama and Dr. Roy Smith of Illinois are two worthy Methodists who are included in this honor list.

Those who know me best know that I am never so happy as when engaged in evangelistic services. Evangelism is not the only business of the church but it is, and must continue to be, the main business of the church. Under the skillful direction of Brother John Cobb, I preached twice daily to the eleven hundred students at Palmore Institute. The preaching was straight evangelistic preaching and was aimed to bring students to an immediate decision for Christ. They listened with eagerness and I am glad that a large number signed cards signifying their acceptance of Christ. It was a glorious sight to see the Japanese President of the school exhorting his students to confess their faith in Christ. All those who have been moved to a decision will be organized into bible classes and carefully instructed for baptism and church membership.

One day last week I drove up a tall mountain side to stand reverently at the grave of Doctor J. W. Lambuth, the first of our missionaries to come to this part of Japan, and the father of Bishop Walter Lambuth. My! what a man of faith and courage. Carved upon his tombstone are his last words: "I die at my post." Whenever I visit the scenes of such great adventures for God, I cry out to God to re-impassion Methodism to give her sons and daughters to the cause of missions.

The celebrations here in Tokyo have taken on national dimensions. Christian leaders from every part of Japan, as well as delegations of Japanese Christians from California, Hawaii and other parts of the world have swelled the crowds. Added to these are many missionaries and official representatives from the Mission Boards in the U.S.A. I am signally honored to be the spokesman for the Methodists.

Tonight at seven, after a series of receptions.

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SEBRING CHURCH HONORS MULLENS



Miss Linda Gossett, granddaughter; Wallace Gossett, son-in-law; Mr. Strickland; Mrs. Wallace Gossett, daughter; Mr. Mullen; Perkins Marquess, son-in-law; Mrs. Mullen; Wallace Gossett, grandson; Mrs. Perkins Marquess, daughter, and Miss Gail Mullen, granddaughter.

The Rev. W. M. Mullen is shown receiving a book from the Rev. Gordon H. Strickland, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Sebring, when Mr. and Mrs. Mullen were honored recently by that church for their 50 years of service in church work. The book contained congratulatory messages from many with whom Mr. Mullen has been associated through the years, both at home and abroad.

Shown in the above picture are members of the Mullen family.

Mr. Mullen was admitted to the Tennessee Conference on trial, in 1907 and ordained a deacon in 1909. He continued in the Tennessee Conference until 1912 when he was sent to Cuba as a missionary, remaining there until 1919 when he returned to Tampa under the jurisdiction of the Florida Conference, working with the Latin people at San Mateo Church in West Tampa for four years. He was then appointed

superintendent of the Latin work in the Florida Conference.

In 1928, certain political developments in Mexico made it necessary to appoint Mr. Mullen to English work, leaving his Spanish appointment open for a missionary from Mexico. He did English work until 1937 when he and Mrs. Mullen were sent to the Florida Methodist Children's Home at Enterprise where they served for four years. Working with the youth they affectionately became known as "Ma" and "Pa" Mullen. He then received pastoral appointments in which he was permitted to come to Sebring and teach social studies and Spanish in the high school, Mrs. Mullen taking the position of librarian at the school. He was retired from active work in the Church in 1951 and from the School in 1953.

Following the Church Service a luncheon was served in Layton Hall to the entire congregation.

Florida Council Plans Seminars

"Christian Responsibility in a Changing Planet" is the challenging theme of the Peace Study Program in which the member denominations of the Florida Council of Churches will be engaged during the next six months. This program which is also getting priority in most of the other states of the union is the first in more than fourteen years in

which churches have unitedly focused attention on the international situation. When 100 representatives of the churches met with President Eisenhower recently to discuss this program with him, he said, "What you are doing is one of the finest things you could undertake." The purpose of the program is to encourage in every local church the study of important questions facing our nation and other nations, and following the study to urge

them as individuals and groups to communicate their convictions to our leaders in charge of foreign affairs.

The program seeks to carry on through the regular program and the accepted leadership of the local church. Therefore it is obvious that help is needed at the point of giving specific training to those leaders who function at the local level. The success of the venture will depend to a large degree on the preparation of the pastors, teachers of adult classes, study chairmen and program planners for groups of men, women and young people. Leaders of the YMCA and YWCA are also invited to participate. To prepare local leaders for effective service, the Florida Council of Churches, is arranging ten seminars in different areas of the state. Coming to lead the seminars are the Rev. Kenneth Maxwell, successor to Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk in the Department of International Affairs in the National Council of Churches, and Mr. Herman Will, Jr., an attorney, serving on the Methodist General Board of World Peace. The seminars which are scheduled for the week of Jan. 10-15 will cover the area from Panama City to Miami.

Laymen and women will look to their pastors to alert them as to the time and place of the ten seminars. For the program to be effective, each pastor should enlist at least six effective leaders in each local church who will take advantage of the nearest seminar.

New Trustees Are Seated

Five new members of the Board of Trustees of Florida Southern College attended their initial board meeting on November 10 at the college.

They are United States Senator Spessard L. Holland, of Bartow; Florida Supreme Court Justice Campbell Thornal, of Tallahassee; Glenn McCormick, prominent business executive of St. Petersburg and lay leader of the St. Petersburg district of the Methodist Church; Dr. J. M. McLeod, former pastor of Lakeland's First Methodist Church and presently Jacksonville district superintendent of the Methodist Church; and the Rev. Gaylon L. Howe, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Ocala.

The sixth new board member, approved at the 1959 session of the Florida Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, is J. Velma Keen, prominent attorney of Tallahassee. Mr. Keen was unable to attend this first meeting because of a commitment with the Cabinet at Tallahassee.

Native Galilean Returns to Florida for the 5th Year



Pictured here are, left to right: Dr. Ralph Sockman, Mrs. Sockman, her sister, and Mr. Haboush photographed last summer in front of the St. Stephen's gate—Old Jerusalem.

It is a far cry from the ancient hills of Galilee, and the pastoral life of the people there, to the dynamic days of the modern present in civilized America, but those two extremes are covered in the span of a life of Stephen A. Haboush, a shepherd from Galilee, who has brought to America the story of Galilee and Palestine, told as only one who was born there can tell it.

Mr. Haboush is a native Christian Galilean. He was born on the hills about the Sea of Galilee, and in his youth tended his father's flock of sheep, just as every Galilean boy has done since the days when the Master walked among men. He came to the United States before the outbreak of the first World War and attended three of its universities. And since his first arrival in America he returned to his native land 8 times, and his last visit which was made this past summer, flying 17,000 miles in a period of 7 weeks visiting the eight countries of the Middle East. He has written for magazines and great audiences in many of the famous universities, colleges, churches and schools in Canada and the United States. At one time he traveled on the Chautauqua circuit with the late William

Jennings Bryan and other notables. His color scenes of the Holy Land are professional in character.

There is an inspiration in the life and teaching of Stephen A. Haboush for everyone. His messages and pictures in natural color bring to the material present the story of life in Galilee and Palestine as it was and as it is, the story of the Scriptures interpreted by one to whom the scenes of the Story of the four Gospels are his native land. He is the author of "My Shepherd life in Galilee" and in the book review of the Boston Transcript appeared this statement, "He enters into the feeling of the most famous bit of the world's devotional literature with insight and charm."

Mr. Haboush's messages on the Shepherd's Psalm and Christian Palestine that he brings to our state of Florida are a distinct contribution to North American letters and to modern thought. They breathe the very life and mysticism of the ancient East. They are delivered in native costume, the same costume worn by the native Galileans in the days of the Bible Story. Mrs. Haboush assists her husband in these two programs.

Wesley Foundations In Need of Help

Many of the ministers of the Florida Conference have recently received an urgent communication from the Rev. Thaxton Springfield, director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Florida, Gainesville. We believe it points up a situation which should have the attention of the entire Conference. Two paragraphs of Mr. Springfield's letter are as follows:

"When the Board of Directors of our Foundation was working out its budget for this Conference Year, the matter of Educational Specials was given serious consideration. And on the basis of the amount of money which we received last year from this source, and in consultation with the Trustees of the Board of Education, it was agreed that the sum of \$4,500 was a realistic figure for this year, so this amount was included as anticipated income from this source and our budget was made up on this basis.

"After five months, we find that the Educational Specials have been reduced to such an extent that we are behind in an amount about equal to the anticipated Educational Specials. We realize, of course, that the \$2,400,000 campaign has been added to the various churches and that it is understandable that the Educational Specials have been reduced. However, we are confronted with the alternative of securing some of these funds or an immediate serious curtailment of our program. We would deeply appreciate any help that you may be able to give us in the encouragement of your church to designate some of the Educational Specials for our program."

No doubt a similar situation exists in the Wesley Foundations serving the other institutions in our state. It is quite certain that some immediate relief in this important area of our work is in order.

Homecoming at Bronson

The Rev. Ralph Rivers, pastor at Opa Locka, was the Homecoming speaker at First Church, Bronson, recently. An overflow crowd was on hand to hear Mr. Rivers and enjoy the traditional basket dinner - on - the - grounds. At the evening service a quartet from Trinity College, Clearwater, sang and Mr. Bob Shumate, a senior at Trinity, spoke.

The Rev. Theodore Springer, pastor at Bronson, also reports a revival in that church led by Dr. J. E. McKinley, Gainesville District Superintendent.

Universal Bible Sunday, December 13

What Darkness Cannot Dim

This title strikes a thoroughly harmonious note with the 16th annual Worldwide Bible Reading theme, which portrays the Bible as **THE EVERLASTING LIGHT**. This Bible Reading program, sponsored by the American Bible Society, was sparked by the request of a Marine on Guadalcanal who asked his family to join with him in reading certain verses from the Bible each day. It has now become worldwide, and the theme this year, **THE EVERLASTING LIGHT**, reminds us that the divine light of the knowledge of the glory of God, through Jesus Christ, shining in the minds and hearts of all men can yet make this a different world.

There are two things the Bible never takes into consideration:

The Bible never takes geography into consideration. It leaps across the barriers of the nations and disregards the frontiers of peoples. It is at home in every land and language.

Then, too, it never takes time into consideration. Written thousands of years ago, it is as relevant today as when the words were first recorded. It is meant for all lands, all languages and all times. The Bible belongs to the ages.

The Bible lights up the road to significance. Almost every page is aflame with the story of what man can do when he is willing to let God take possession of him. It is always saying, "Look what you can do with life when it is God-guided." Moses may think himself inadequate for the responsibilities which confront him, but when he placed his hands in the hands of God he became one of the five great men of history and the founder of a great nation. A supplanter becomes a prince of God; a plowman in Tekoa becomes a prophet of social justice; a man of unclean lips becomes a herald of righteous Redeemer; a tax collector, never a popular man, becomes a writer of the First Gospel; a fallen girl by the well becomes a city missionary. A slave girl becomes the instrument through which a general is cleansed of leprosy; a boy's noonday lunch becomes a feast for thousands; an intolerant bigot becomes a preacher of the universal gospel of love. The stone which the builders reject becomes the headstone of the corner. Beneath the thin surface of the humblest are inestimable values. Deep in the human heart are talents which grace can transform and glorify. In spite of what

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you say, man is made a little lower than the angels, capable of thinking God's thoughts after Him. "What can a man give in exchange or his soul?" If you ever doubt the worth of life, go to Calvary and read the story of Christ dying for you. To an age overwhelmed with frustration and insignificance the Bible calls out, "Put yourself in the hands of God and leave yourself there." There are no iron curtains to keep the power of God from lifting the humblest and weakest to places of influence and power.

When Evangeline Booth returned from a world tour for the Salvation Army, she told me of a little village in India where lived the families and members of the robber caste. The village was full of robbers, thieves and thugs. Every attempt by the government to stamp out the wrong failed. Then the government resolved to destroy the village entirely and scatter the people. The Salvation Army asked if it could have a chance to do something to save the village before the decree was carried out; so a little band of Salvationists preached on the street corners and in the rice fields. The redeeming grace of Christ began to work in the village. The chief of the robber caste was converted, and the entire village population was baptized. Strangely enough, stealing stopped; not a complaint was made against them. The village had been made over. The government police thought this was too good to last and, sure enough robbers broke out in the next village. The police sent a secret agent to shadow the leader. They saw him late one evening, slinking down a narrow trail with a bundle under his arm wrapped up in a newspaper. They were sure he was at it again. They followed him to his home, and then they watched through the window as he entered his house, closed the door, gathered his family about him and unwrapped the bundle. They expected to see loot tumble out of the package. To their surprise they saw that the bundle was a Bible which he had borrowed from a neighbor in another village. The children gathered about him near the light, and through the open window

they heard a clear voice reading: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." This is the Book which pierces the darkness of sin and offers redemption.

Some years ago, early in my ministry, I came to know and to befriend a man who was later convicted of murder. I stayed with him through his long trial and his imprisonment in Sing Sing. I visited him often in the death house. One day I asked the guard who was always with me when I talked with him if I could give him a copy of the New Testament. The guard looked the book over very carefully and handed this New Testament to this condemned man through the steel screen which separated us. I remember well the last visit I had with him a week later. It was his last night on earth; the following morning he paid the penalty. As I walked through the corridor with the guard, he heard me come, and walked to the door of his steel cage and said to me, "That man Luke wrote a great story." His face was lit up with a light and a peace that I have never seen before. It would be Luke—the gospel of redemption for all those who have lost their way; for sheep that are lost; for lilies that fade and of prodigals who step across the pathway of indiscretion. "Be Merry, for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." This is the Book which sheds a light which no darkness can dim.

Training School Held At Englewood Church

The Rev. Ralph F. Jones was both dean and host pastor to a Christian Workers' Training School held at the Englewood Church, November 15-19. Courses were taught by the Rev. John Hunt of Lakeland, the Rev. Don Kokomoor of Apopka, and Mrs. J. W. Blake of Tampa.

Other churches participating in the School were those at Charlotte Harbor and Boca Grande. Some District Funds (derived from Rally Day Offerings) were also made available to make this helpful School possible.

GIVES "CHALK TALK"

Jesse W. Overton, Baptist Layman from Lake Wales, gave an old-fashioned "Chalk Talk" on the "Incongruity of Ingratitude" at the Men's Club Thanksgiving Ladies Night at Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven. Not so old-fashioned is the fact that Mr. Overton tapes his lecture and uses fluorescent colored chalk and black light to achieve unusual effects.

Bishop Moore

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banquets and church services attended by thousands, I board a huge British jet plane for the flight to Honolulu, where I will stop for a day and night. I made my first journey to Japan by ship in September 1934, exactly twenty-five years ago. Practically every year since, except the war years, I have been coming to Asia. My first journey required more than twenty days by ship. These air jets span the Pacific in a few hours. It all takes one's breath away.

The church has been good to me in many ways; none greater than allowing me to spend so much of my ministry out here. So many years have passed since I first came out here that I am now in the category of an "elder statesman". Everywhere I have gone old friends have greeted me and at no time have I felt like a stranger. So far as I know this should be my final missionary journey, although I have thought that once or twice before. Be that as it may, I shall always be thankful for having had a small share in the Christian missionary enterprise in one of the most stirring and challenging periods of history. Someday, when I have quiet and free time, I may attempt to write something about my experiences as a Methodist Bishop traveling a world-wide circuit. If ever I do, the title of the book will likely be, "On Business for he King." Whether the book is written or not, my life has been infinitely blessed by my missionary service. I hope my course is not yet finished and I could hardly claim to have "fought a good fight" but I do say humbly and proudly that I have "kept the faith." There is no sanity, no satisfaction and no salvation for this bewildered world apart from Jesus Christ. Christian Missions are not for an age but for the ages.

After Arriving in America, I go first to Seguin, Texas, where I will preach for five days in a revival and then turn back to Phoenix, Arizona, where the Council of Bishops will be in session, November 17th - 20th. If all goes well, I plan to arrive in Atlanta Friday evening, November 20th, spend the week-end quietly with my dear family and then plunge into the many duties awaiting me in Georgia and Florida. For all of God's journeying mercies and the love and support of friends, I am deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR J. MOORE

Methodist Layman Serves Long and Well

Mr. G. C. Persons, of the First Methodist Church of Punta Gorda, has just made the enviable record of completing fifty years on



G. C. PERSONS

the Official Board of the Methodist Church. As a young man he was elected to the Board of Stewards of the Doyle Methodist Church of the Marion Circuit in Georgia. He served so faithfully and well in this capacity that when he moved to Punta Gorda in 1925 he was immediately placed on the Board of the First Methodist Church at the suggestion of his former pastor.

In the twenty-four years that he has been on the local Board, he has served several times as Chairman of the Board and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Persons has never been absent from a Board meeting here unless providentially detained by illness or by being out of town. In addition he has the same faithful record at the Drive-In Church, the Sunday School and the Morning and Evening Worship Services. He also gives unstintingly of his means and time for the advancement of the Kingdom. He is the active head of the G. C. Persons Realty Company and a member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

—Royal A. Rice,
Pastor, Punta Gorda

Dr. Joseph D. Blinco and singer George Beverly Shea were heard daily on a local radio station in a series of specially taped programs in connection with the West Palm Beach Area Crusade for Christ preaching mission held in First Church, West Palm Beach.

Pasadena Licenses Three to Preach

Three young men have been recommended for license to preach at Pasadena Community Church in St. Petersburg during the past six months.

At a called quarterly conference in June, David Shultz was recommended and is now a freshman at Florida Southern College.

At the first quarterly conference, Nov. 10, Jimmy Hamilton, younger son of Dr. J. Wallace and Mrs. Hamilton, was recommended. Explaining his desire to go into the ministry, Jimmy told the conference that he felt truly converted this past summer at a meeting in New York State. He traced his decision to enter the ministry to a sermon by Rev. Walter Rutland from the Pasadena pulpit during September. He also recognized the important influence of the preaching of his famous father, and the contacts of youth counselors, teachers and friends.

One of these friends was Ricky Neal, who was recommended for license to preach at the same time. Ricky has been planning to go into the ministry for more than a year. Both young men are seniors at Boca Ceiga High School in St. Petersburg and plan to enroll in Duke University next year.

Both expressed their desire to enter the ministry in familiar words: "This I believe I am called to do; I can do no other."

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PALMETTO OCCUPIES NEW SANCTUARY



BEFORE



AFTER

The First Methodist Church of Palmetto has recently completed and occupied its remodeled and enlarged sanctuary. Under the leadership of the Rev. R. W. Weaver, the church about three years ago undertook to raise \$50,000 for an enlarged sanctuary and additional education space. A pledge campaign was held and most of the cost was underwritten. It was agreed that as soon as \$25,000 in cash was raised, construction would begin. By the time this goal had been reached, construction costs and changes

in building plans had sent the cost up to \$80,000.

Under the leadership of Rev. Walter T. Cross, the church signed a contract on September 3, 1958, which called for extensive remodeling of the sanctuary, addition of a church office, pastor's study, a youth chapel and a central heating system installed in such manner that air conditioning could be completed by adding compressors and cooling coils. With extras not included in the original contract, the total cost will exceed \$90,000.

in some situations which are not valuable in others.

But, what is the basis for deciding the worth of something? How can we tell what is worth having in life or what is worth paying the price for? Well, the standards for life's values for the Christian were set by a young man named Jesus. He left no doubt as to what the scale of values is. In fact, he came right out and said, "Seek first your heavenly Father's kingdom and the values therein, and all the other values of life will fall naturally into place." For an accurate translation see Matthew 6:33. In fact, just read the whole chapter for insight into how to set up your scale of values.

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HOW TELL ITS WORTH?

During the regime of the Nazis in Germany, Hermann Goering, one of Adolf Hitler's top henchmen, plundered the art galleries of the conquered nations. He collected these treasures to adorn his personal palace near Berlin. He gathered together some of the finest art treasures in all of Europe. However, diplomats who visited Goering's palace reported they saw there the most amazing collection of Great art and cheap chromos, of world-renowned paintings and dime-store reprints. Goering wanted the great art, but he did not have the ability to discriminate between what were the expensive and what were the cheap works of art.

One must establish a basis for evaluating the various experiences of life in order that he doesn't end up with a conglomeration of life with good and bad mixed into experience indiscriminately. Some people do this on the basis of what something costs. Oscar Wilde wrote of one cynic who "knew the price of everything and the value of nothing." To know what something costs is not necessarily to know what it is worth! I visited

a home once where my host insisted on explaining to me that he had paid so many dollars for this chair, and so many for the piano, and so many for this picture and that book—the value was solely determined in how many dollars he spent for the item.

Had you ever thought how like a cafeteria line life really is? You waltz along the food line and there first of all come the flashy looking desserts. You are hungry, and they look good. But if you fill your tray with desserts you will have no room for the main meal. So who wants room for the main meal when he has desserts, you ask! But if you choose all of one part of the meal, you likely will have neither room in tray or stomach, nor money sufficient to take on some of the more basic foods you ought to be eating. How do you decide? On the way it looks under glass with soft lights and chipped ice? Or do you try to secure a balanced meal so when you have finished you will be sufficiently filled but also satisfied. You have to have a mature approach to the matter of eating if you eat in a cafeteria very often, else you won't know what should be chosen.

When a great ocean liner was sinking, a steward advised a woman to exchange her diamonds for oranges. At first she demurred, then she did as instructed. In a life boat in the ocean, oranges are far more valuable than diamonds. Some things take on value

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DECEMBER 25th:—"THERE'S a HUSH of EXPECTATION"—in all the world, as we approach the day of the Saviour's birth. We, of the Woman's Societies and The Wesleyan Service Guilds will be renewing the story as told by Luke, the Evangelist, in our study of "LUKE'S PORTRAIT OF CHRIST," a pattern for living by Dr. Charles M. Laymon. Let us review the second chapter in this text—"The Messiah is at Hand." The Advent of Jesus into the world provides mankind with the supreme example of selfless living. Luke has given us beautiful hymns of Mary and Zechariah. Hymns of Prophecy, praise and Thanksgiving. Mary sings of God's mercy in years past and of His grace in the days ahead, through the Advent of her son. For your reading Luke I 46-55; 68-79 and Luke 2:14. As we observe the Christmas program prepared for the societies this year, we will begin with the drum beats in far away Sarawak to Mexico — from Latin America to Korea and Japan—all around the world we will sing hymns of praise and rejoicing—let us remember—"Unless

like to refer you to page 64 Nov.-Dec., 1959 UPPER ROOM Christmas worship for Family use.

ECHOES of the Florida Conference Woman's Society Executive AD Interim Committee meeting at Lake Placid, Fla., Oct. 20-22. There were fourteen officers and Sec. of lines of work present with nine District Presidents and ten District Sec. of Promotion. Mrs. H. D. Freeman, Miami District President was not present due to her resignation because of illness in her family. We shall miss her greatly. Mrs. D. D. Richardson, of Miami Shores, and a former District Sec. of Christian Social Relations was named to serve as President for the unexpired term of office for Mrs. Freeman. Another resignation in the Miami District Executive Committee, was that of Mrs. Philip Sellati, District Sec. of Public Relations whose residence was changed to another District. Mrs. Grady Phelps, 2830 Jefferson St., Miami and a member of TRINITY CHURCH was named to serve in Mrs. Sellati's place. MRS. VIRGIL MORGAN, Conference Sec. of Promotion, announced a new slogan for Membership this year—"REACH! TEACH! ENLIST!" This is the year for Enlistment and reports of new members for the first report period show a gain of 1472 new members. Have you reported your PILOT STUDIES on Employed women and The Church? SLIDES—"Make all things new" for the African Studies are available—order from Mrs. Virgil Morgan, 2068 Alameda St., Sarasota, Fla. MISS CHARLOTTE LEWIS—A 3-Special term missionary is home from Gikuki, Mozambique, Africa. Miss Lewis' home is Orlando, Fla., and she will itinerate through the State—March, April and May, 1960. If you would like to have her visit in your District or Society, contact Mrs. Morgan at above address.

During this pre-Christmas season, our thinking turns to GIVING to less fortunate peoples of our communities. Let us not forget our SUPPLY WORK within the Woman's Division and the Institutions in the "Askings" for the Florida Conference. We list them for you: — WEST PALM

BEACH, ST. PETERSBURG and ORLANDO Districts — Clark College, Atlanta. GAINESVILLE District: — ETHEL HARPST HOME—Cedartown, Georgia. WEST PALM



Officers of Conference Executive Committee. Left to right: Mrs. H. V. Weems, Pres.; Mrs. David Thurman, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Leroy Schoch, Treas.; Mrs. Claude Neet, Rec. Secy.



These ladies of First Church, Sebring, were hostesses for a refreshing period during the Executive Committee Meeting. They are, left to right: Mrs. D. V. Palmer, Mrs. David Lewis, Mrs. Gordon Strickland, Mrs. C. M. Payne, Mrs. C. V. Jones, Mrs. D. H. Durrance.

we admit Christ into our hearts, Christmas is merely another holiday." — quote from the Upper Room—Nov.-Dec., 1959. We would

BEACH, MIAMI and TAMPA Districts—LATIN CENTER — Miami, Fla. TAMPA, ST. PETERSBURG and SARASOTA DISTRICTS — ROSA VALDEZ Settlement House, Tampa, Fla. TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT: WESLEY COMMUNITY HOUSE—LOUISVILLE, KY., STUDENT HOUSE F.S.U., Tallahassee, Fla. LAKELAND DISTRICT: SUSANNAH WESLEY HALL — FLA. SOUTHERN COLLEGE, Lakeland, Fla. LAKELAND, SARASOTA and JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT — VASHTI SCHOOL FOR GIRLS; Thomasville, Ga. WEST PALM BEACH and MIAMI DISTRICTS — WESLEY COMMUNITY HOUSE, Key West, Fla. ST. PETERSBURG, TAMPA, JACKSONVILLE and ORLANDO DISTRICTS — WOLFF SETTLEMENT, TAMPA, FLA. ALL TEN DISTRICTS — BREWSTER HOSPITAL — Jacksonville, Fla. WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILDS consult your District Chairman of Supply Work. The first and second report periods included askings for the above institutions. The third report period will be for Foreign Askings. All cash offerings to be sent through the Local Treasurers each quarter. We would like to commend for your reading an Article on SUPPLY

WORK in the NOVEMBER, 1959 METHODIST WOMAN—It will tell you the — “WHEN, HOW and WHY” SUPPLY WORK became a concern of THE Women of The Methodist Church through the Woman's Division.

ITEMS OF INTEREST with The Districts:—

MIAMI: — CHRISTMAS in NOVEMBER was in evidence when over 300 members of the Miami Dist. met in old stone First Methodist Church, Key West, Fla. Nov. 10th for their traditional Christmas party. A highlight of the party was the presence of the State President, Mrs. H. V. Weems and the Conference Sec. of Supply Work, Mrs. Allen Watson. They accompanied the four bus loads of women and a number of private cars to Key West. 38 churches from Miami and surrounding area were represented. The purpose of this Annual party is to afford members the opportunity of bringing gifts of money from the different societies as a gift of love to be used for Christmas activities in the Miami Latin Center, Miami and the Wesley Community Center in Key West. It is also a fine thing to visit the Centers of Work. The parties have generally been held in the Miami Latin Center and this 's the first year one has been held in Key West. The offering amounted to over \$700.00, and will do much to brighten the lives of the Spanish speaking peoples. In charge of arrangements for the party was Mrs. W. S. DeBorde, District Sec. of Supply Work, assisting her was the new District President, Mrs. D. D. Richardson, Miss Lillian Kelly, Head Deaconess and Miss Mae Coburn, Kindergarten teacher for the Miami Latin Center, Miss Inez Martin Director of Wesley Community Center and Miss Ruth Picaso, Kindergarten Teacher. The program included a morning meditation given by Mrs. W. W. Charles, Dist. Sec. of Spiritual Life, greetings from Mrs. Weems, Mrs. Allen Watson gave background information for Supply Work and told what other Districts were doing for other centers of work. Wesley House and Miami Latin Center each put on skits depicting the needs of each institution. The children of the kindergarten of Latin Center sent recordings of Christmas music. Luncheon was served at First Methodist Church, which was followed with a tour of Key West Naval Base, “The Little White House” and concluded with a visit to Wesley Community House. Host Minister of First Church is The Rev. E. E. Snow and The President of the Woman's Society is Mrs. Paul D. Herrick. The Rev. Wm. Wicker, Minister

of the Ley Memorial Church was the guide for the Motor Tour of Key West. Reported by Mrs. J. Grady Phelps—Miami. SARASOTA DISTRICT:—The officers of the Sarasota District met in Executive session at the Arcadia Church, Nov. 5th with the president, Mrs. R. E. Kurtz and ten District officers present. Guests of the Committee were Mrs. H. V. Weems, Fla. Conference Society President and Mrs. Virgil Morgan, Fla. Conference Sec. of Promotion and the District Committee on Nominations. Sarasota District had 100% reporting for the past report period. The District is composed of 39 Societies and one District member. There were 125 new members received the first report period. The resignation of Mrs. R. E. Simmons, Dist. Sec. of Literature and Publications was accepted with regret and Mrs. M. L. Turbeville, of Sarasota was elected to fill her unexpired term. We have missed Helen Turbeville very much since her resignation last year as Vice President of the District and it will be good to have her with us again. Mrs. John Cummings, of Rt. 2, Wauchula, was elected to serve as chairman of the committee on nominations, and has asked those members of local Societies who know of women of ability who will serve on the District Executive Committee to contact her. Three Educational Seminars were held in the District in Sept., two for the Women's Societies and one for the Wesleyan Service Guild with a total attendance of 146 Society members and 34 Wesleyan Service Guilders and 38 ministers. Miss Charlotte Lewis will be in the Sarasota District from Feb. 23rd to March 9, 1960. She will be available for programs and speaking appointments. It is her desire to stay in homes where there are one or more young people who might become interested in full-time Christian service. Those churches with Societies interested in having Miss Lewis visit them are asked to write Mrs. J. A. Smith, Box 13, Tice.—Reported by Mrs. Mason Parker, Terra Ceia, Fla.

WEST PALM BEACH DISTRICT — The Quiet Day held in First Methodist Church, Ft. Lauderdale during the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial was well attended with an offering of \$65.10. The Women of First Church have also completed an approved study “Luke's Portrait of Christ.”—Reported by Mrs. G. A. Griffis, Ft. Lauderdale.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT: — MRS. ESTELLE MCKENZIE, Local Secretary of Public Relations of St. James Methodist Church, Palatka, reports the United Nations

study was conducted by the Trinity and St. James Churches of Palatka and the Hastings Methodist Church in the Chapel of St. James Church. The Chapel was appropriately decorated with flags of the member nations of the Security Council. The Rev. Ross Denslow drew faces, symbolic of the personnel of the organization and they were attached to drapes in the rear which completed the effectiveness of the scene. Mrs. N. J. Saunders gave the morning meditation, using Scripture readings from Micah and Isaiah pertaining to peace—the ultimate goal of the United Nations. Mrs. R. K. Tavel, Vice President of St. James Society presided and introduced the study and outlined the organization by means of a chart. Others participating in group discussion were Mrs. P. N. Revels, Mrs. A. W. Farabee, Mrs. R. A. Couk and Mrs. Joe White. The Hastings group presented an interesting skit entitled “Here Be Dragons.” Those participating were Mrs. Robert Walden, Mrs. Bruce Gray, Mrs. W. B. Flewellen, Mrs. L. A. Masters and Mrs. Oscar Magarian. The Rev. Oscar Magarian, minister of the Hastings Church closed the program by discussing “Problems of the U.N.” from an article published in the U. S. New and World Report. A covered dish luncheon was served featuring foods of many Nations. The Woman's Society of St. James Church with their President, Mrs. Geo. Bushnell, were hostess for the delightful day.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT: — Dec. 10th is the date which is announced by Mrs. Ralph Perkins Jacksonville District Pres., and Mrs. E. E. Woods, Dist. Sec. of Supply Work, the first for Christmas Tea to be held at Brewster Methodist Hospital, two P. M. to five P. M. A program of music will be given under the direction of Miss Avis Wallace, formerly of the Faculty of Boylan Haven School for girls. Miss Wallace is now employed at the hospital working with the student nurses in the field of music and other duties in the hospital. Gifts will be brought for the student nurses now in training with the Brewster Duval County School of Nursing. The Woman's Society and The Wesleyan Service Guild of Riverside Park Methodist Church entertained with a Tea, Sat. afternoon, Nov. 21st in the Educational Building for Miss Sara Fernandez, Missionary to Cuba under the Woman's Division. Miss Fernandez showed slides and told of her work in Omaja, Oriente, Cuba. Mrs. W. H. Mathews is the president of the Riverside Park Woman's Society and Miss Mar-

tha Moore is the President of Riverside Park Wesleyan Service Guild who were hostess for the occasion.

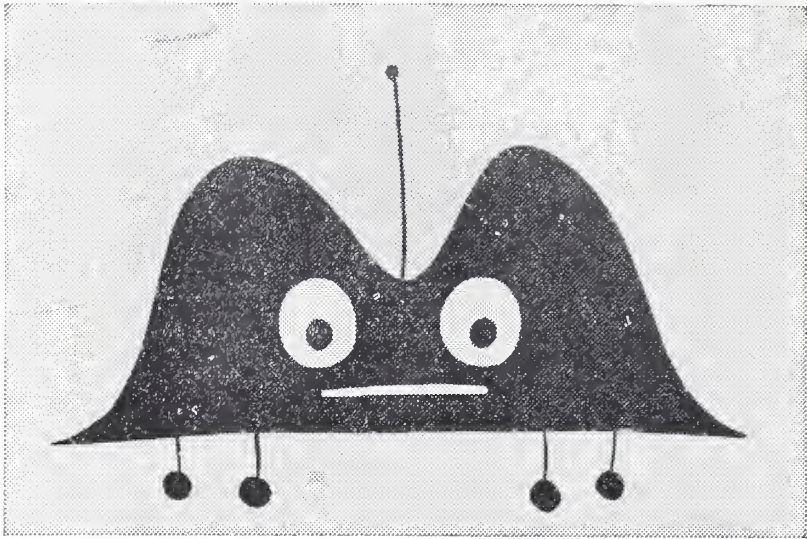
MRS. H. V. DIXON, Sec. of Promotion for the Jacksonville District, announces the 54th Society in the Jacksonville District was formally recognized on Monday, Nov. 23rd, when officers of Christ Methodist Church, Neptune Beach were installed by Mrs. Ralph Perkins, Dist. Pres. The meeting and installation service was held in the home of the Society Pres., Mrs. K. A. Hendryx on the Isle of Palms, Jacksonville Beach, Fla. The new Society has 48 members who transferred from the Beach Methodist Society, Jacksonville Beach. Dr. Shelby Wilson, retired Minister is serving the new group as pastor with services being held in the elementary school cafeteria at Atlantic Beach until a new church will be built. Assisting Mrs. Perkins in the Installation service were Mrs. H. V. Dixon, Mrs. W. A. Yearty, Dist. Sec. of Spiritual Life and Mrs. M. L. Reed, District Treasurer. The Wesleyan Service Guild of Ortega Methodist Church held its annual Thanksgiving Banquet Monday evening, Nov. 16th with sixty guests attending. The invocation was given by Mrs. A. Ray Wilson, chairman of Spiritual Life. The dinner was delightful with the Thanksgiving flavor prepared by members of The Guild. Decorations were done by Miss Elizabeth Slade carried out with arrangements of fall flowers. Mrs. Jasper Jones directed the musical program and presented a delightful string ensemble composed of Mr. Dan Meyer, Director of Youth work and Misses Jean Jones, Missey Seales, Pattie Todd and Holt Maness and Bill Todd. The guest speaker was Chaplain Lt. C. G. Gardner of the Green Cove Springs Naval Station whose topic was Korea. Special guests were Judge and Mrs. Wm. Maness and Mrs. Osborn Beilyeu. Mrs. Wm. Maness is President of the Ortega Woman's Society and Mrs. H. L. Jeter is the President of the Ortega Wesleyan Service Guild. — Reported by Mrs. H. L. Jeter.

A FINAL CHRISTMAS THOUGHT is brought to our attention through a story in the press recently regarding the sale of Christmas Cards — "The increased awareness of the religious significance of Christmas is reflected in recent appraisals of the growing popularity of religious Christmas cards released by the Greeting Card Assn. The Assn. states that whereas the percentage of truly reverent religious card design was as little as 5% of the total output, 12-15 years ago, today is estimated to be over 25%

entirely religious in character. Much of the progress has been achieved, traceable to a formal request made to the Assn. by the National Council of Churches in

1947. A project of the United Church Women of Florida, thru the President, Mrs. Alfred Lexow, of West Palm Beach, is sponsoring 'put Christ back in Christmas'.

VISITOR FROM OUTER SPACE



This is Rusty, a creature from outer space who looks like a car. The "hero" of a new color film, "Stop Driving Us Crazy," he learns the hard way that many earth people forget all about Christian ethics when they drive a car.

A new 10-minute film may help save a lot of lives.

Called "Stop Driving Us Crazy," it is a humorous fantasy on a serious subject—the mounting toll of traffic accidents.

The animated color cartoon is aimed at getting teenage church and school groups to discuss "How religious faith applies to driving a car."

It describes the adventures of Rusty, a little visitor from outer space who looks like a car. He can't communicate with "two legs," only with "beings who look like me, called cars."

Rusty finds that earth people talk a lot about loving one another, being your brother's keeper

and respecting the rights of others. But at the wheel of a car they "say one thing and do another." Captured by a "two legs," Rusty learns the hard way.

"Stop Driving Us Crazy" was produced by the Methodist Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C., in consultation with the National Safety Council and the President's Committee for Traffic Safety.

The first animated film produced by a Methodist agency, it features top talent from the worlds of television, motion pictures, music and art.

Rental prints are available through the 12 regional film libraries of the Methodist Publishing House.

LOCAL CHURCH EMPHASIS WEEK

Here is a summary of the Conference-wide observance of LOCAL CHURCH Emphasis Week as held in September. The Conference Commission considers the Week to have been highly successful and urges each local church to follow through with whatever training seems necessary.

		Churches Participating	Total Attendance
District	Meetings Held		
Tallahassee	4	52	311
Jacksonville	1	47	204
Sarasota	19	38	610
Tampa	3	40	246
West Palm Beach	4	41	451
St. Petersburg	4	36	391
Miami	1 (meeting May 25)	51	(No report)
Orlando	4	56	355
Lakeland	5	42	260
Totals	45	403	2828

Christmas for Christ

On August 28, four months before Christmas, executives and sales personnel of the National Distillers company flew into Los Angeles in chartered airliners to plan holiday sales strategy.

Other liquor, wine, and beer companies joined the scramble to get their share of the \$350 million that will be spent for alcoholic beverages during the holiday season.

Shortly after Labor Day some stores across the country already were beginning to advertise Christmas goods.

About the same time the General Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church began to plan its 1959 "Christmas for Christ" campaign. Its purpose—to combat the growing secularization in the Christmas celebration.

Other church organizations joined in the "Christmas for Christ" campaign.

Now the two campaigns have begun.

Alcohol companies promote their fancy bottles and luxurious packaging as the "ideal" Christmas gift.

"Christmas for Christ" suggests alternatives to alcoholic gifts.

Newspapers, radio, magazines, television, and store windows swamp the public with a commercial Christmas, thrusting the real meaning of Christmas into the background. Attacking this commercialism, Stan Freberg, a Hollywood novelty recording artist, joined the record "Green Christmas."

"Christmas for Christ" pierces the commercial barrier with the message of the birth of Jesus.

Alcohol advertisements saturate the mass media, boasting that this will be the biggest holiday ever for alcohol sales.

"Christmas for Christ" joins the National Safety Council in urging businesses to dry up their parties. Last year 382 holiday highway deaths were caused by alcohol. Parties helped to boost this toll.

"We all rejoice in the revival of 'good will to all,' and this Yuletide is a most appropriate time to pledge ourselves, individually and collectively to promote true temperance and sobriety," the *Brewers Bulletin* wrote on the first Christmas after the repeal of prohibition.

Christians make this pledge more than meaningless words. They help to combat commercialism and the hypocrisy of the alcoholic beverage industry by promoting "Christmas for Christ" in their town.

They can use posters, Christmas seal, car cards, brochures, and other materials that are avail-

Returns to Pastorate

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Rev. Berlyn V. Farris, a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism here, has been ap-



REV. BERLYN V. FARRIS

pointed pastor of University Methodist Church in University City, Mo., a part of metropolitan St. Louis.

The announcement was made here by Dr. Harry Denman, general secretary of the board of evangelism. The appointment was made by Methodist Bishop Eugene M. Frank, St. Louis, and will be effective December 1.

Mr. Farris came to the board July 1, 1957, as director of its department of district evangelism. Before that, he was executive director of the Joint Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches, with headquarters in New York City.

able. They can appeal to city officials and newspapers to keep the holiday in a religious context. They can work for highway safety.

"Christmas for Christ" can help put Christ back into Christmas for many people who have temporarily forgotten him.

Conference Journals

There are a few extra copies of the 1959 Journal of the Florida Annual Conference. Pastors who would like to have additional copies, as long as they last, may have them by writing to the Conference Secretary, the Rev. Don A. Cooke, P. O. Box 1317, Bradenton, Florida.

Two New Books

CANDLE, STAR AND CHRISTMAS TREE. Once again Dr. Charles L. Allen, pastor at Atlanta's Grace Church, and Dr. Charles L. Wallis, Baptist minister and college professor of Keuka Park, New York, have collaborated to give us a delightful little volume on the significance of many of our Advent and Christmas observances. Predicated upon the fact that the original experiences from which many of our most cherished Christmas customs and symbols have come have been neglected and often forgotten, this book seeks to bring deeper understanding and appreciation to our celebration of Christmas. Attractively and appropriately bound, it will make an excellent Christmas gift. Price, \$1.00.

GRACE AND PRAYERS. Here is a collection of more than 100 prayers of various and specific situations in life and nearly 200 table graces from the heart and pen of Dr. John Lewis Sandlin. Dr. Sandlin has served as a pastor and for six years as professor and head of the department at Columbia College, Columbia, S. C. He is a member of the staff of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church. Priced at \$1.95, this book is intended to help all persons and families who desire to find God in and through every experience of daily living.

Both of these books are published by the Fleming H. Revell Company of Westwood, N. J.

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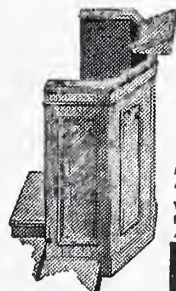
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Men at Work

METHODIST MEN of Trinity, DeLand, were hosts to the Orlando District Men's Club at its regular 5th Thursday meeting on October 29. Because of the large number of men attending (296) the dinner meeting was held on the campus of Stetson University. **The Hon. Farriss Bryant** of Ocala was the speaker. Also, plans were made for the Annual District Retreat to be held April 2-3, 1960, at the Mayfair Inn, Sanford.

Florida Senator Sam Gibbons and Tampa attorney **C. J. Hardee, Jr.**, were speakers at the Methodist Men's Club of Trinity, Tampa, in October.

Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief negotiator for the United Nations at Panmunjon, Korea, during the Korean War and Deputy Commander of the American Eighth Army as well as an outstanding Christian layman, was the Men's Club speaker at First Church, Clearwater, last month.

Reuel Platt, Jr., one of the key personnel at the Cape Canaveral missile base, was guest speaker at the November meeting of the Methodist Men of First Church, Dade City.

Methodist Men of Trinity, Tampa, entertained their wives at a spaghetti supper Nov. 19. The supper was served by the men themselves.

Don Kelso, president of Methodist Men at College Heights, Lakeland, was the Men's Club speaker at both Wesley Memorial, Lakeland, and Morrison Memorial, Leesburg, last month. Don is an insurance company executive.

Dr. David M. Delo, president of the University of Tampa, spoke at a meeting of Methodist Men at First Church, Tampa, Sept. 24.

Methodist Men of First Church, West Palm Beach, held an Aunt Jemima Pancake Supper November 19th.

The Rev. W. S. (Scotty) Bozman, pastor of First Church, Tampa, was the Men's Club speaker at First Church, Lakeland, last month.

Methodist Men of Bayshore, Tampa, presented a Womanless Wedding late in October.

Methodist Cabinet Member

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Secretary **Arthur S. Flemming** of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has been named to



ARTHUR S. FLEMMING

the 50-member board of trustees of American University, a Methodist institution here.

Secretary Flemming, who was president of another Methodist school, Ohio Wesleyan University, before his appointment to President Eisenhower's cabinet, is an alumnus of American University and a former instructor and debate coach.

One of the most active church workers among high government officials, Secretary Flemming is a former vice president of the National Council of Churches and he is currently serving as church school superintendent at Foundry Methodist Church.

"Spotty" Spottswood In Crash Landing

Missionary **Curran L. Spottswood** of Tampa, Fla., was uninjured in a crack-up Oct. 16 in the Philippines, the third he has survived in almost 12 years of flying missionary service there. **Mr. Spottswood** was flying to a somewhat inaccessible village to pick up an ill Filipino minister and take him to a hospital. He was forced to crash land on a dirt road, badly damaging the plane but walking away unhurt. He has logged more than 1,000 hours in the air on mission business.

Purely Personal

The Rev. and Mrs. O'Neal Jacobs of Community Church, Ft. Pierce, announce the arrival of a new son, **George Daniel Jacobs**, on October 18. He joins two brothers, **Timothy** and **Mark**.

The Rev. and Mrs. Morrell Robinson of Mayari, Cuba, who will be the leaders in the "Adventures In Missions" at the District Conference this year, were guests at Trinity, Tallahassee the weekend of Nov. 22nd.

Miss Betty Jean Barker, who for three years has been engaged in church work in Africa, was a recent speaker at a school of missions at First church, Tampa. Speakers at other sessions included **Dr. Garfield Evans** of Lakeland, former missionary in Cuba, and **Miss Dorothy Hughlett**, whose father is a medical missionary in the Belgian Congo.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. Edwin Davis, of the Temple Terrace Church, Tampa, announce the birth of a son, **Edwin Lester Davis**, on October 19th.

Dr. R. L. Allen, district superintendent, was speaker at Dedication Day, Nov. 22, at Bayshore, Tampa.

Two St. Petersburg ministers, **Dr. Paul Hortin** of Christ Church and **Dr. M. C. Cleveland** of First Church, were the inspirational speakers at the Church Extension Rallies in the Sarasota and Lakeland Districts, respectively.

The people of Highland Avenue Church, Tampa, honored their pastor and his wife, the **Rev. and Mrs. J. Milton Ivey**, Nov. 15 at a reception celebrating their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

The Rev. James C. Rowan, pastor at Kendall, addressed the Downtown Miami Lions Club recently on "Incentives for Living."

The Rev. George L. Harper of First Church, Bartow, whose first charge in the Florida Conference was at Newberry, conducted re-

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vival services there in November. **Chaplain Walter Poorman** of the Bartow Air Base occupied the pulpit on the Sunday night that the pastor was absent.

John A. Briley of Jacksonville was homecoming preacher at Highland Avenue, Tampa, Nov. 8. Rev. Briley was a member of that church when he entered the ministry.

The Rev. **Jesse E. Waller** of First Church, Clearwater, and a former pastor at First Church, Bartow, (1951-1955) was the Homecoming preacher at the latter church on November 8th.

The Rev. **C. T. Howes** of Oak Grove, Tampa, was the Homecoming speaker at Palm Harbor on November 15th. Mr. Howes is a former pastor at Palm Harbor (1926-1928).

Dr. George Foster of Ft. Lauderdale was speaker at a church extension rally for the Tampa district Nov. 19, at Seminole Heights Church, Tampa.

Emory Ministers' Week Announced

Emory University's Ministers' Week will be a time of fellowship and study for nearly a thousand alumni and friends of the Candler School of Theology, according to Dr. G. Ross Freeman, director. This annual program, which is beginning its second quarter-century, is scheduled for January 18-22, 1960.

Dr. W. D. Davies, professor of New Testament at Princeton University, is featured speaker this year. He will deliver lectures on "The Setting of the Sermon on the Mount." Dr. W. B. Selah, pastor of Galloway Memorial Church in Jackson, Mississippi, will lecture on "Preaching."

Other highlights of the week will include lectures by Dean Williams R. Cannon and Dr. Immanuel Ben-Dor, both of the Candler School of Theology, and by Dr. "Bill" Webber of the Harlan Protestant Parish, a storefront interdenominational parish in New York City.

At the annual banquet, the Rev. Frank Roughton, a theological student who performed in the American version of The Passion Play for several years, will present a dramatic interpretation of The Sermon on the Mount.

Persons interested in making reservations or arranging special meetings should contact Dr. Freeman. There is no registration fee for the Ministers' Week program.

GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

Ministers of Tampa District met Nov. 16 at Keystone Church for a spiritual life retreat conducted by Dr. Claude Thompson of Candler School of Theology. The meeting was arranged by District Secretary of Evangelism Jiles Kirkland, who is pastor of the Manhattan Avenue Church.

The Rev. A. E. Purviance, pastor at Palm Springs Church, Hialeah, was the Homecoming preacher at Childs Park, St. Petersburg, on Nov. 22nd. Mr. Purviance was pastor at Childs Park from 1943-1948 during which period plans were made for the present church plant. Members received and those who were married and baptized during his pastorate were guests of honor on that day. The present pastor, the Rev. George B. Warren, conducted all of the services of the day.

Dr. Walt Holcomb of Atlanta, a well known former member of the Florida Conference, is helping the Rev. J. C. Rowan of Kendall in the latter's participation

Named to Nebraska

Retired Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis has been called back into active service by the South



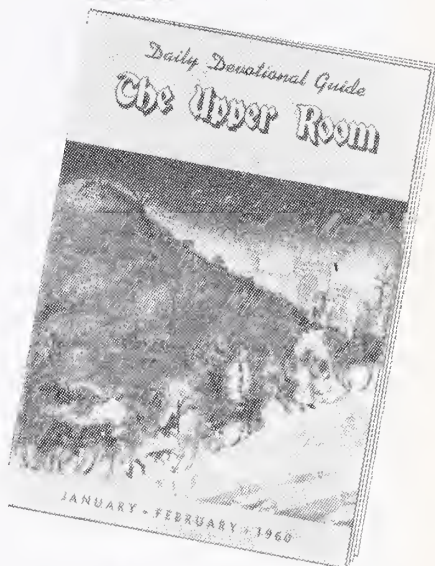
BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT

Central Jurisdiction's College of Bishops and named to administer the Nebraska Area until a new bishop is assigned next June for the 1960-64 quadrennium. Bishop Holt, who is past president of the World Methodist Council, fills a post left vacant by the recent death of Bishop H. Bascom Watts.

in the Christmas Revival being conducted in the Greater Miami Area by Bishop Moore early this month.

The young people of First Church, Clermont, raised \$61.20 for UNICEF in their Halloween "Trick or Treat" activity.

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Park recently assisted in two services at the Old Myakka Church and were part of an evening of music at Trinity (Arcadia).

The "Mission Jar" which is placed in the lobby of Wesley Memorial Church, Lakeland, one Sunday each month collected \$78.00 in November.

St. John's, Tampa, has started construction of a six-room Sunday School building that will cost \$11,000. Made of Ocala block, it will match the sanctuary which was completed about three years ago. St. John's Church has recently completed a \$2,500 improvement to the parsonage.

R.F.D. is the name of a mimeographed community newspaper published monthly by the Ruth Hornsby Guild of The Keystone Church.

Helping to support the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Peterson, missionaries in Honakaa, Hawaii, members of Bayshore Church, Tampa, attended a Hawaiian Luau Nov. 19.

First Church, Clermont, has set December 15 as the Target Date to start construction of the expanded church plant.

A fellowship supper and an amateur variety program was presented by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism at Alturas on Nov. 14th.

Intermediate M.Y.F. members at Highland Avenue gave a talent-night entertainment Nov. 19.

The Rev. Manuel Santana of Guisa Orte, Cuba, has been assigned as the Cuban pastor to be supported by Trinity Church, Lakeland.

"The Saddlebag" is the new parish paper of First Church, Clearwater.

M.Y.F. members at Hyde Park, Tampa, worked at a car-wash day Nov. 7 to help raise money for the "Sylvia Fund," a conference M.Y.F. project.

TRIP TO CUBA

All expense tour to Cuba for one week, December 26 to January 2nd, visiting historical points, rural missions, new projects, entering one end of the country and returning from the other end. Total expenses \$200. For reservation, write—

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DR. P. GORDON GOULD

Philadelphia and Alaska to visit his church, he had no idea the results would be so extraordinarily generous and thrilling. But Dr. Gould came and spoke 5 times during the day to the people about the new Alaska Methodist University. As a result, \$10,000 was presented by a dear and generous friend.

More Fellowship Forums At St. Cloud

For the second year Dr. Edward Jeffries Rees, pastor at First Church, St. Cloud, is leading his congregation in a series of 15 Fellowship Forums which afford splendid opportunities for fun and fellowship and for lifting up the many facets of the total program of the Church.

Speakers heard thus far this year are Professor Florence Larimore, Dr. W. A. Myers of Lakeland, the Rev. Charles A. Thompson of Winter Haven, Dr. E. J. Pendergrass of Orlando, Dr. John H. Hanger of Jacksonville, and the Rev. W. G. Aldridge of DeBary. Others to be heard are Dr. Bruce Gannaway of Orlando, Dr. Clare M. Cotton of Lakeland, Mrs. Oliver L. Tschoppe with a blind friend and his Seeing Eye Dog, the Rev. T. C. O'Steen of Sanford, Dr. Mary Katherine Parks of Florida Southern College, Conference Lay Leader R. H. Berg of Melbourne, and the Rev. Francis Smelt of Seville, the Rural Preacher of the Year.



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Service of Worship for **WATCH NIGHT**, by Lowell B. Hazzard in cooperation with the 175th Ann-



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versary of the Christmas Conference. Dr. Hazzard, of Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., has done a masterful job of preparing a Watch Night service which makes liberal use of early Methodist hymns and quotations from the writings of John Wesley.

175th Anniversary of the Christmas Conference, by Lowell B. Hazzard is another Worship service for local Methodist churches or use on Covenant Sunday, January 3, 1960, or other Sunday appropriate locally. This service was written to aid our churches in appropriately and profitably observing the 175th Anniversary of the organization of The Methodist Church in America at Lovely Lane Meeting House in Baltimore, Maryland, December 24, 1784 to Sunday, January 2, 1785.

The two services in recognition of Methodism's 175th birthday are designed to be placed in the hands of all the congregation. The hymns are printed in full and the readings and responses are arranged to help a congregation catch the spirit and the message of the first Christmas Conference, and come to the sort of dedication that sent those early Methodists forth to "reform the continent."

John Wesley's Covenant Service, for the first Sunday of the year or for Watch Night is another complete service designed to be placed in the hands of all the congregation.

John Wesley's Journal is replete

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Dr. John F. Baxter, head of the General Chemistry Division at the University of Florida, Gainesville, is the national teacher of the 1959-1960 **CONTINENTAL CLASSROOM** course in **Modern Chemistry**. The 160 lecture-demonstrations are taped in color and are telecast over 150 stations of the NBC Network.

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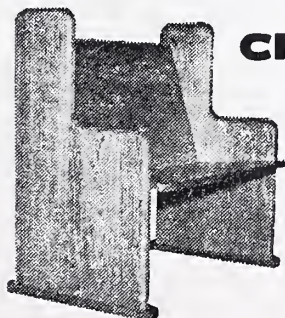


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Watch Night Services Are A Part of Methodism

By LEROY H. WALKER

Coming toward the 175th anniversary of the Christmas Conference at Lovely Lane Meeting House in Baltimore, Maryland we turn naturally to the thought that no better occasion could be found for lifting up the essential things in our Methodist history and tradition than that afforded by Watch Night.

In studying John Wesley's Journal one is impressed with the many references to Watch Night services and the part they played in early Methodism. They do not seem to be activities associated with the last night of the year.

In April, 1742 he has this entry: "We had the first watch-night in London. We commonly choose for this solemn service the Friday night nearest the full moon, either before or after, that those of the congregation who live at a distance may have light to their several homes. The service begins at half an hour past eight, and continues till a little after midnight. We have often found a peculiar blessing at these seasons. There is generally a deep awe upon the congregation, perhaps in some measure owing to the silence of the night, particularly in singing the hymn, with which we commonly conclude:

Hearken to the solemn voice,
 The awful midnight cry!
 Waiting souls, rejoice, rejoice,
 And feel the Bridegroom nigh."

It is evident that John Wesley felt that God was pleased with such observances and that He never failed to bless them. In January, 1753 he recorded this observation: "We had our first watch-night at Snowsfield. Scarce any went away till between twelve and one. How is it that never any one, in England or Ireland, has been hurt for all these years in going to all parts at the dead of night? Are not the hairs of our head all numbered?"

Watch-night services were to early Methodism the most spiritual occasions, and John Wesley even felt they represented the perfect prototype of the experiences of heaven. In January, 1762 he said: "We conclude the year, as usual, with a solemn watch-night. Oh may we conclude our lives in the same manner, blessing and praising God!"

In 1785 he recorded: "We had a solemn watch-night, and ushered in the new year with the voice of praise and thanksgiving." Again in 1782 he associated watch-night with the changing of the year

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"Hereby perceive we the love of God" 1 John 3:16

as he said, "We concluded the year with a solemn watch-night."

It seems that it was not uncommon for a conference of the ministers to close with a watch-night service. August, 1788 John Wesley recorded in his Journal: "Our Conference ended, as it began, in great peace. We kept this day as a fast, meeting at five, nine, and one, for prayer; and concluding the day with a solemn watch-night."

"The three following days I retired, revised my papers and finished all the work I had to do in London."

John Wesley carried a great responsibility, and looked after many details, but he was never one to feel that the Methodists did not have time to stop and turn aside, and keep a watch-night.

Surely, on this 175th anniversary of the founding of our Methodist Church in America, every local church would do well to set aside the last night of 1959 as a time for sacred watch-night. To help with such an observance, Methodist Evangelistic Materials, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee offers two excellent services, a copy of which is to be placed in the hand of each worshiper. One is "John Wesley's Covenant Service," to be used either at watch-night or on Covenant Sunday, and the other is "Service of Worship for Watch Night," by Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard. This service was written especially for this 175th anniversary, and it makes liberal use of allusions to early Methodism and to the writings of both John and Charles Wesley. (Each worship service sells for \$2.00 per 100.)

If all of our Methodist churches will plan carefully and prayerfully for this year's watch-night service, we are assured that in 1960 we can say as John Wesley said of the watch-night service in 1783, "We had a fast-day which was concluded with a solemn watch-night. At the close we sang—

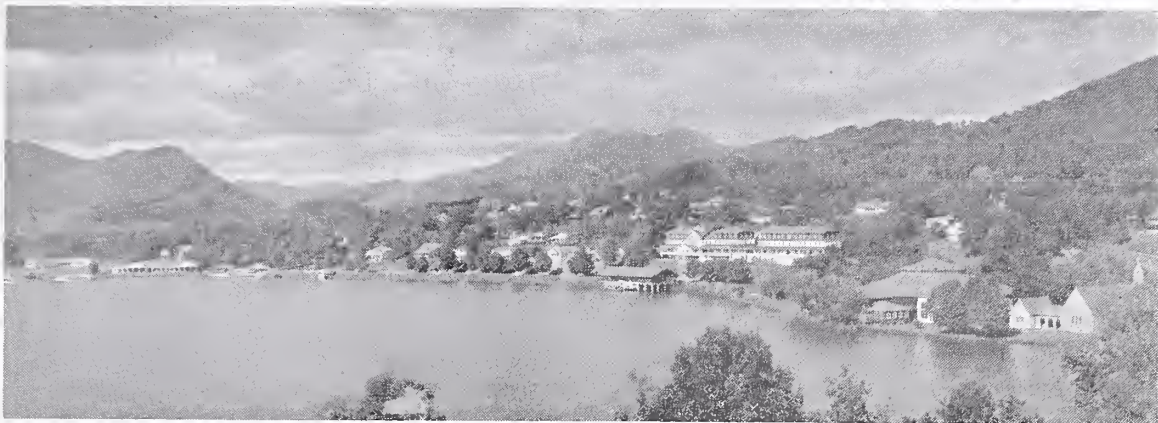
Ye virgin souls, arise!

accompanied by the Gloucestershire band of music. Such a concert was never heard in that house before, and perhaps never will be again."

Methodist Men Giving Books for School

Methodist Men Clubs throughout the country will mark the first anniversary of Alaska's statehood on January 3 by climaxing a drive to raise \$300,000 to provide books for the library of the new Alaska Methodist University at Anchorage. Dr. Don Calame, Chicago, director of the department of Men of the Board of Lay Activities, has announced that on the first Sunday of the New Year many men's groups will present either their gifts or receipts for contributions already made. Each club has been urged to invest a minimum of one share of \$27.50 in the library fund.

THE FINANCES OF LAKE JUNALUSKA



The Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church has in the Lake Junaluska Assembly a property which is worth two and a quarter million dollars, according to the auditor's conservative report. Against this there is no mortgage, nor can there be under the terms of its holding.

In recent years very great improvements have been made, among them being the new Lambuth Inn Annex, Junaluska Apartments, children's building, Kern Youth Center, Edwin L. Jones Cafeteria, and the new youth lodges. These cost around a million dollars.

The Memorial Chapel was built without Assembly funds at a cost of \$100,000. The world Methodist Building, now undergoing enlargement, and its artistic and literary treasures are worth twice as much; the latter, of course, serves the Assembly although it is the property of the World Methodist Council.

It is easy to be seen, therefore, that the real value of Lake Junaluska in financial terms is far greater than the auditor's estimate.

To erect these new buildings it has been necessary to pledge a part of the income in something like \$200,000. This is not however, regarded as an encumbrance, or at least only nominally so, because it is self-liquidating and actually creates a capital asset.

For example, the Junaluska Apartments have already re-paid their cost of \$300,000 and now produce an annual return of \$20,000. The Lambuth Inn pledge has been reduced from \$278,00 to \$50,000 in three years and will be paid in full during the current fiscal year. And thus it is with most of the others.

The main financial problem is in connection with the operating expenses. While the Assembly stays within its budget, its annual income is inadequate in view of the opportunity, and the need

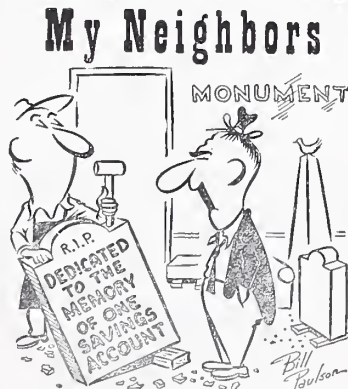
By JAMES W. FOWLER, Supt.

is always pressing. The income from all sources last year was around \$275,000, and expenditures were \$15,000 less, but very many sacrifices had to be made and services were curtailed at nearly every point. As in the case of many other religious institutions, the inability to meet urgent demands and fulfill great opportunities is at times almost heart-breaking.

The trustees and their committees have spent days in analyzing the Assembly's needs and trying to devise methods of meeting them. At the present time, some of the 45-year-old structures on the lake front are being removed and a new building will be erected to house under one roof the tea room, the various shops, the book store and other facilities. The dam is being strengthened. Enlarged parking space is being provided. The Lake Shore drive is being widened for safety and convenience.

Other needs are equally pressing but must of necessity be placed on the planning board for future action—not too-future, it is hoped.

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"Fine—now wrap it and send it to the Bureau of Internal Revenue!"

The Lake itself must be saved, for the silt of nearly half a century has accumulated to an extent that threatens its existence and makes dredging imperative—and expensive.

Provision must be made for the entertainment of Methodist groups which have out-of-season meetings. Some of these, including the Council of Bishops, have met at Gatlinburg, Blue Ridge, and Montreat—our neighbors—but could not meet at Lake Junaluska because winter facilities are not available.

The noble old landmark, Terrace Hotel, is hopelessly outmoded and must be replaced by a modern structure as soon as possible. Additional lodges and motel-type accommodations must be provided for the increasing stream of Methodist people who come from all over the country to visit this best-known and best loved of all our assemblies. These will be for the most part of the self-liquidating type, but large sums will be needed to initiate them; and they have been laid out in an eight-year plan by the trustees.

This is our task at Lake Junaluska. It will be worth far more than it costs—so much more that the finances must be arranged in any circumstances.

No Methodist can look at the thousands of young people that crowd Shackford Hall and the Kern Youth Center, the other thousands who visit and study in the World Methodist Building, the children who romp on the playground and enjoy and profit from the children's building, and the other multitudes who seek inspiration and information in the classrooms and the Stuart Auditorium—no right-thinking Christian who appreciates the meaning of all this would want to withhold anything that would enhance and enlarge the service to God and man which is rendered by this unique institution of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.



# WHAT IS A DEACONESS?

THE METHODIST DEACONESS—Who is she? What does she do? These are questions frequently asked of me. Far more times than I would like to admit they are asked by people who are "well-informed, active Methodists." Another question is "why did you decide to become a deaconess?" The answer to this question is not a simple one, for the decision was years in the making. Why?

As a Christian and as a member of The Methodist Church, I am engaged in a mission, that of 'making the Lord Jesus Christ know to all peoples in all lands as their divine saviour . . . bringing to bear on all human life the spirit and principles of Christ.' (Methodist DISCIPLINE, Par. 1166) The role of the Methodist Deaconess is to engage actively in this mission through her chosen vocation, serving the Methodist Church in the United States and its dependencies through any agencies of the Church in any capacity not requiring full clergy rights.

The act of my becoming a Deaconess in 1954 took but a short time but the adventure that continues in assuming this relationship is one that is continually challenging me to a greater life of service in fulfilling God's mission through the organized program of the Church. In a sense, the adventure is a spiritual quest in deepening my understanding of my relationship to God and to my neighbor and searching for ways through which I, as a Methodist Deaconess and member of the Christian community can best witness for Christ.

Ever since I was a small child I knew that I wanted some day to use the talents and abilities God had given to me in a church-related vocation. Experiences in the local church, through the Methodist Student Movement, youth assemblies and caravanning confirmed this desire which finally led to a decision to attend Scarritt College. Throughout my graduate study at Scarritt my ears were deaf to any suggestion that I become a commissioned worker in the Church. Following my graduation I was invited to return to Scarritt as a member of the staff working in the area of alumni and recruitment affairs. For five years my working relationship with a church-related institution was that of an "employed worker."

Time and experience often teach us many values in life and during these five years I became convinced that as a worker in the



By BETTY K. EWING, Deaconess,  
Dean of Students  
Scarritt College

Church I could no longer remain an "employed worker."

In confronting college students



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CHRISTMAS TIME

What makes it Christmas time?

Is it the snow and ice,  
December's frosty rime  
And cold device?

Is it the busy days  
When shops keep open nights,  
And many colored rays  
Beam from bright lights?

Is it the costly gift  
That brings as much again?  
These do not really lift  
Heart hungry men.

It's God's remembered love,  
The memory of a Child  
Whose advent from above  
Keeps us beguiled.

In any age or clime,  
Whatever breezes blow,  
Love makes it Christmas time,  
This much I know!

—Charles H. Voss



with the needs for missionary personnel and the demands upon the mind and the spirit in making decisions concerning one's life work and preparation for it, I found myself responding to these same pleas. As I worked with Scarritt alumni, many of whom were missionaries and deaconesses, I was impressed by the quality of work they were doing, the sense of commitment to their work and the richness of the fellowship that bound them together. In searching my own heart in terms of God's will for me there was only one answer—I must become a Methodist Deaconess, "a woman led by the Holy Spirit to devote herself to Christ-like service under the direction of the Church . . ." (Discipline, Par. 1252)

Almost six years have passed since I was commissioned a Deaconess at the Methodist Woman's Assembly held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1954. During these years the work I had been doing previously took on a new meaning. There seem to be a greater sense of purpose and mission in each responsibility. As a Deaconess, even yet, I am discovering a new relationship to the Church, one that reaches far beyond the limits of the environment in which I work each day. I am discovering anew each day that I am a part of a fellowship, whose individual members can say to the Church "you can count on me." I am discovering that in being a Methodist Deaconess the commissioned relationship becomes an outward expression of an inner commitment to the life that God has called me to lead as I seek to express the Christian faith through my vocational task within the Church.

The office of Deaconess is not a professional but more important it is a relationship to the Church that cuts across all areas of work. Through the International Federation of Deaconess Associations the Methodist Deaconess has the opportunity to participate in a fellowship that inextricably links

## New Church

Dr. Raymond A. Alley, Lakeland District Superintendent, organized a new congregation with more than 30 charter members at Indian Lake Estates, a new and rapidly growing development on U. S. 60 East of Lake Wales, recently. The Rev. T. Reighton Jones, retired Methodist minister and Army Chaplain and a resident of the development, is serving this new congregation.



her to the world mission of the Church.

The Methodist Deaconess is a member of the annual conference of The Methodist Church in which she holds her church membership and has the privilege of the floor without vote. As a worker in the local church she is a member of the Official Board and the Quarterly Conference. She is also a member of the Conference Deaconess Board which includes members of the Bishop's Cabinet, Deaconesses working within the conference and representatives from churches and agencies employing deaconesses.

A Deaconess leads an active life but the day of retirement eventually comes. As the Deaconess approaches retirement she does so with confidence knowing that she will receive a small income from the Deaconess Pension Fund to which she has contributed throughout her active years of service. She will also find a cordial welcome awaiting her in one of the four residences established by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, The Methodist Church if she prefers to live among her contemporaries who have similar interests and concerns.

Today approximately 405 Methodist Deaconesses are serving The Methodist Church and cooperating agencies in fifty states, the Virgin Islands, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. These women are a part of that "endless line of splendor" that began centuries ago when the Apostle Paul in writing to the Church in Rome commended "to you our sister Phoebe, a deaconess of the church..."

The Methodist Church needs 100 new Deaconesses NOW, women who are committed to the cause of Christ and who desire to express this faith through a career of Christian service under the direction of the Church. Such young women must have preparation as social workers, teachers, nurses, Christian Educators, rural workers, journalists and preparation in countless other areas of work through which she may render a service. Those interested in securing more detailed information should write without delay to the Department of Missionary Personnel, The Board of Missions, The Methodist Church, Room 1466, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

In true humility I say, "I am proud to be a Methodist Deaconess; and I am grateful to the Church for making it possible for women to have such a relationship to its mission." To this calling I pray that I shall be faithful.

## ON MISSION CHAIN



MISS ELIZABETH M. LEE

Miss Elizabeth M. Lee, secretary for Advance Specials for the M.C.O.R., will be one of the speakers at Jacksonville and Jacksonville Beach when the Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies opens in those cities January 23-26. She will speak on the plight of the world.

Miss Lee, who is well known in Methodist circles throughout the state, began her missionary work in Japan where she taught in a high school for girls. Later she was in charge of work in Latin America for the Methodist Board of Missions and she is the author of missionary study book "He Wears Orchids." She has made 19 trips to Europe and has just returned from the Middle East where she visited Cairo, Athens and Lisbon. The world's refugees have been her especial concern in recent years and she has surveyed the refugee situation under the World Council of Churches and served on a special refugee mission for Church World Service.

The Rev. Gunnar J. Tellmann, pastor of a multi-racial church in Penang, Malaya, is another Methodist Ambassador who will be speaking on the Mission Chain from the very beginning.

This 30th year of the Missionary Assemblies begins on January 23 and continues through March 2 and extends into 19 Florida cities. Watch your local papers and your own church announcements for the dates and speakers in your own community.

The Rev. Milton H. Wyatt, pastor at Morrison Memorial, Leesburg, is recovering from a recent illness.

## Filmstrip for Parents

A new filmstrip, NEXT STEPS IN RELIGION, has just been released by the Television, Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church. It has been produced in cooperation with the Department of the Christian Family of the General Board of Education to help parents of children six, seven and eight years of age teach religion in the home. While it is planned primarily for parents with children of these ages, the principles involved will be of interest to other parents.

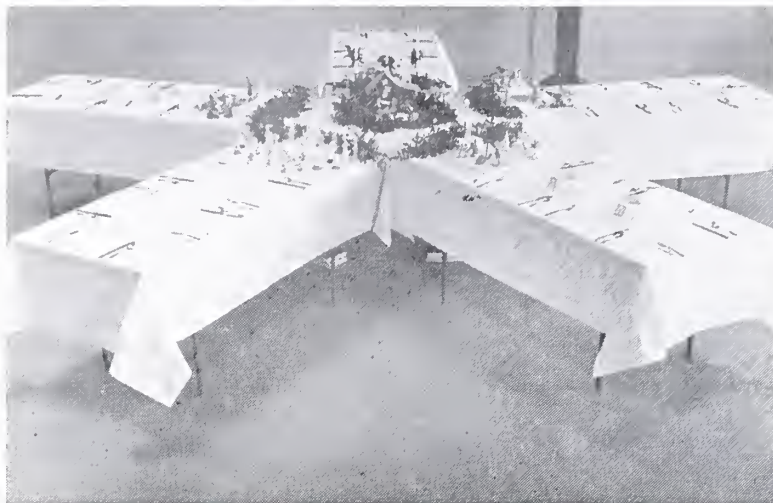
The filmstrip in color is a sequel to FIRST STEPS IN RELIGION which was planned for parents of pre-school children. FIRST STEPS appeared two years ago and has been so well received by the church that it was thought advisable to produce a sequel. Though planned primarily for parents, it will also be helpful to teachers and leaders in the church school.

The filmstrip is the story of the parents of a little girl who is starting to school for the first time. Her parents realize that she is starting a new phase of her development. At the same time, she will have a new Sunday School teacher. This teacher visits in the home of Sally Cole and explains to her parents the importance of teaching religion in the home through everyday living. She invites the Coles to a parents' meeting in the church at which they learn from other parents ways in which they are trying to teach religion through the normal experiences of children. An interesting episode centers around Mr. Cole's attempt to buy a Bible story book which would be suitable for a child of six years of age. As the filmstrip moves along, the Coles discover that by relating teaching in the home to teaching in the church school, they make better progress in home teaching. They also discover the value of finding God in the beautiful things which he has made in the world. Through drama, discussion, visitors in the home and the observance of special days, Sally is prepared to take the next step.

A leader's guide accompanies the filmstrip suggesting questions for discussion and additional resources. NEXT STEPS IN RELIGION is available for purchase only because many churches will wish to include this in their library of audio-visuals and show it frequently to parents' groups. Order from the Methodist Publishing House. Purchase price, \$10.00. This includes filmstrip, record and leader's guide.



## Star Table Radiates At Hyde Park, Tampa



The Star Luncheon, held earlier this month by the ladies of the W.S.C.S. for the 9th consecutive year, is assuming something of the proportions of a tradition at the Hyde Park Church, Tampa.

The stellar attraction of the luncheon is the "Star Table," so called for its design. It depicts the story of the birth of Christ according to the second chapter of St. Luke.

Mrs. Katherine Gracy, who originated the idea, is the guiding light for the occasion. The Star itself is formed by 5 long tables radiating from a small round one. All are covered with white cloths bordered with silver.

The Nativity scene is depicted on the center table. Other tables are set with (1) a white Bible opened to the second chapter of Luke, flanked by silver candlesticks with silver candles and 2 choir boys; (2) the announcement of the angels to the shepherds in the fields; (3) the angel chorus; (4) the visit of the Wise Men; and (5) a miniature altar of the church including altar cloths and vases filled with star jasmine. Mrs. Gracy herself made the altar replica.

Mrs. Gracy explains that she "thought up" the idea when her circle was asked to do the decorations in 1951, the same year



that Dr. Laurie G. Ray first became pastor of the church. Now the luncheon is one of the greatly anticipated occasions of the year and attracts nearly 200 persons each year. Honor guests were District Superintendent Dr. R. L. Allen and his wife, the pastors of the church and their wives and the past presidents of the W.S.C.S. who are seated at the Star Table.

### The YOUTHFUL ACCENT By HOOVER RUPERT

#### WHAT'LL YOU HAVE — CHARM OR DRINK?

That's what the lady asks, and who she is makes it worthwhile for teen-age girls to have a listen. She is Enid A. Haupt, editor and

publisher of *Seventeen Magazine*. A recent newspaper article by her suggests that girls could well substitute true charm for social drinking and be better off. She points out that some teen-age girls think they must take a drink to drown temporarily feelings of self-consciousness and complex confusion. Yet, almost any teen-age girl who likes to drink at all, confesses that she dislikes the stuff, is curious and concerned about it, complies with social-

urging — for one reason or another. One girl reported, "I thought it would make me livelier and make people like me better, but I see it doesn't really solve any of my problems." She's 17.

The writer says there are three types of young women who may seek exhilaration that they mistakenly think liquor will provide: **conformers**, who drink to be like others; **adventurers**, who think its daring; and, **escapists**, who seek freedom from feelings of shyness boredom, or social obligation. These, she maintains, are false premises. For the conformer who thinks a drink will make her a part of the crowd, it will — but what sort of a clique? "A smalt-alecky, noisy, undecorous group?" For the adventurous miss who thinks drinking is living dangerously, it is. "But she finds that her experiences bring her more self-reproach than self-respect." And the lass who is escapist and thinks she will lose her inhibitions — she will. "But she is likely to do and say things that will alienate friends rather than win them."

Miss Haupt blames much of teen drinking on parents. "For if parents haven't high standards themselves, it's doubtful they will inspire reasonable behavior in their children," she writes. So far, I go along with her. But when she suggests that if parents help their teenagers "try drinking under her own roof" the girl won't be tempted to taste under less favorable conditions, I think she has reversed her field. And then she feels that "after a girl enters her late teens and is at college a social drink now and then is convivial. But it is neither necessary nor particularly desirable."

Miss Haupt partially redeems herself with this total-abstinence-Methodist-preacher by pointing out to the teen who drinks that she needs to remember the feminine attributes that drinking often destroys and defeats: **Beauty**—you don't make a pretty picture when drinking—eyes become heavy, face distorted, make-up smudged. **Figure**—alcohol contains extra calories — waist watchers beware! **Danse ability**—drink makes you less lithe, more lethargic, coordination is poor. **Charm**—liquor tends to blur one's speech, dull conversational ability, lessen companionability, and make a woman forget her manners and her self-control.

She concludes: "Youth is endowed by nature with a built-in fountain of bubbly spirits no bar or bottle can provide."

Well, you can't say that isn't a little different approach to why teenagers should let liquor alone!





**AT WESLEY'S PULPIT**—(Left to right) John Glisson, president of the Florida Club at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University; David Scoates, vice president; Dean William R. Cannon and Dr. Claude H. Thompson are shown by the portable pulpit John Wesley once used to preach to the coal miners of Wales. Increasing interest is being shown in this and other items in the Wesleyana collection at Emory as Methodism celebrates its 175th anniversary. Said to be the largest and most complete in the world, the collection contains over 5,000 items relating to Wesley's life and works.

## Bishop Hazen Werner Comments on Africa

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, resident bishop of the Ohio Area of The Methodist Church, and Mrs. Werner, returned to Columbus, Wednesday evening, Dec. 2, completing a three-month 14,000-mile tour of Methodist missionary work in 19 countries of Africa.

Bishop Werner, speaking of the riots of tension and unrest in Africa, said, "The whole of Africa is blanketed with unrest with the exception of those countries that have already gained their independence. This feeling or unrest is extremely intense in some places. Basically it is the human spirit trying to lift itself out of past customs and culture into a new way of life."

"Some of the tribal outbreaks which we saw, for example those in the Belgian Congo, have not been directed against the whites and yet there is everywhere a general overtone of 'Africa for the Africans.' Many Africans, including the Christians, feel that to give out the white man would mean a reversion to African primitivity. 'I believe a majority of the Africans want the white man to remain after independence.'"

Commenting on gains that have been made through some of the demonstrations, Bishop

Werner said, "When it comes to the riots and outbreaks that have occurred all over Africa, it seems as though these incidents pay off. The Mau Maus in Kenya, for example, gained quite a few concessions from the British after their affair of a few years ago. At Stanleyville, in the Belgian Congo, demonstrations brought quite a number of new privileges to the natives."

The Ohio Methodist leader continued, "I found all over Africa unanimous agreement on two things: (1) That the Africans will gain control of the territories and (2) it will happen too soon, but knowledge of this fact will not be a deterrent."

Speaking of America's interest in all that is happening, he continued, "For us as Americans the problem can be too easily oversimplified and it usually is. There is much to be said for both sides. During our trip we talked with quite a cross-section of the people—a member of parliament in Southern Rhodesia, the British Council in Leopoldville, the director of labor for Uganda, and several chiefs of tribes in the Congo. Then, of course, there were numerous conferences with African Christians and with American missionaries both in the cities and in the far-inland missions."

"I found that in Uganda there are 24 different tribes and they

all loath one another. While independence is inevitable, the matter of tribal unity and cooperation seems very remote. All of this is prophetic of the struggle and bloodshed that seems bound to come in the next few years."

In Lodja, Belgian Congo, Bishop Werner was given the name of "Uwandji" (meaning "chief") and the name "Nyumopa-omo" (meaning "give us some more,") referring to the need for more missionaries in that part of the country.

Also at Lodja, Bishop and Mrs. Werner participated in a four-day Christian Family Life Conference, the first such conference ever to be held in Africa. Bishop Werner, who leads many such conferences in America said, "I must admit there is some difference in a Family Life Conference conducted in Africa."

Commenting on the missionaries serving in Africa, especially those in spits of tension and unrest, he said, "They are all courageous and do not intend to leave unless they are sent out, an eventuality which they do not think will develop."

Beginning the middle of January Bishop and Mrs. Werner plan to visit each of the 19 districts of The Methodist Church in Ohio reporting on their African trip and showing slides at district rallies.

The Werner's visitation to Africa is a part of the denomination's total mission program which sends each of its bishops to one of the foreign mission fields every four years.

## Florida Girls at Wesleyan

MACON, Ga. — Thirteen Florida girls were among the swimmers who presented a Christmas aquacade at Wesleyan College December 10 and 11.

"Home for the Holidays" was the theme for the 14 formations presented by the Naiads, synchronized swimming club in the Wesleyan pool.

Florida students who were leaders of formations were: Ermine Owenby, Quincy; Patty Shriver, Palm Beach; Janice Boland, Winter Haven; and Sally Husted, Bradenton.

Two Florida girls on the committee in charge of the aquacade were: Ellen Chaney, Boynton Beach, and Judy Woodward, Quincy.

Other Floridians who swam were Eva Turpin, Tampa; Virginia Hanson, Lady Lake; Linda Vogel, Miami; Pat Casey, Perry; Beverly Englehart, Ft. Myers; Susan Taylor, Bradenton; Phoebe Pope, Quincy; and Martha Johnson, Melrose.



# Methodism's Advance f

## A Record of the Giving of Methodists in the Florida Conference

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(Other Than Cuba)

**METHODIST COMMITTEE ON  
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|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Jacksonville: North Shore .....     | \$ 90.00 |
| Hialeah: First .....                | 38.86    |
| DeLand: Trinity .....               | 22.15    |
| Eustis .....                        | 53.05    |
| Orlando: College Park .....         | 8.00     |
| Avon Park .....                     | 2.50     |
| Lake Placid .....                   | 40.00    |
| Jasper .....                        | 10.00    |
| Boca Raton .....                    | 22.50    |
| Ft. Pierce: Community .....         | 32.80    |
| Doctors Inlet .....                 | 3.00     |
| Jacksonville: Arlington .....       | 71.00    |
| Jacksonville: First .....           | 15.00    |
| Jacksonville: Livingston .....      | 4.59     |
| Jacksonville: Riverview .....       | 5.00     |
| Bushnell .....                      | 13.00    |
| Kathleen .....                      | 3.75     |
| Oxford .....                        | 7.00     |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Mem'l .....    | 17.00    |
| Mt. Dora: First .....               | 20.00    |
| Orlando: Christ .....               | 8.80     |
| Orlando: Concord Park .....         | 10.00    |
| Oviedo-Geneva: .....                | 10.00    |
| Seville .....                       | 5.00     |
| Bowling Green .....                 | 11.78    |
| Bradenton: First .....              | 100.00   |
| Tallahassee: St. Paul's .....       | 7.10     |
| Ft. Lauderdale: First .....         | 4.00     |
| Moore Haven .....                   | 10.00    |
| Riviera Beach .....                 | 82.38    |
| Fernandina Beach .....              | 17.00    |
| Jacksonville: Swalm Mem'l .....     | 15.00    |
| Bushnell-St. Catherine .....        | 1.00     |
| Lakeland: Orange Heights .....      | 5.00     |
| Lakeland: Orange Heights .....      | 4.00     |
| Daytona Beach: Community .....      | 15.00    |
| Lockhart .....                      | 5.00     |
| Titusville .....                    | 15.00    |
| Miikka-Myakka City: .....           | 7.00     |
| Lee Ct.: Hickory Grove .....        | 2.09     |
| Melbourne: First .....              | 12.50    |
| Dinsmore Methodist .....            | 27.00    |
| Lakeland: First Church .....        | 52.00    |
| Wildwood: Methodist Church .....    | 50.00    |
| South Miami: First Meth .....       | 54.35    |
| Homestead: First Methodist .....    | 26.00    |
| Daytona Beach: Community .....      | 15.00    |
| Mims Methodist .....                | 3.00     |
| St. Petersburg: First .....         | 10.00    |
| Sarasota: First .....               | 30.00    |
| W. Madison Ct.: Cherry Lake .....   | 2.50     |
| Lee: Methodist .....                | 7.50     |
| Tallahassee: Tallahassee Hts. ..... | 1.65     |
| Tampa: St. John's Methodist .....   | 25.00    |
| Tampa: Wesley Memorial .....        | 5.00     |
| Okeechobee: First Methodist .....   | 25.00    |
| Okeechobee: First Methodist .....   | 25.00    |
| Pahokee: First Methodist .....      | 2.50     |
| Ft. Lauderdale: St. Paul's .....    | 3.75     |
| W. Palm Beach: Wagg Mem'l .....     | 10.00    |
| Baldwin .....                       | 10.00    |
| Jacksonville: Main St. .....        | 19.76    |
| Lakeland: Methodist Temple .....    | 12.00    |
| Oxford .....                        | 10.00    |
| Greater Miami: Allapattah .....     | 100.00   |
| Orlando: Livingston Memorial .....  | 20.75    |
| Pierson .....                       | 25.84    |
| Greenville .....                    | 6.00     |
| Tallahassee: Tallahassee Hts. ..... | 21.40    |
| Pahokee .....                       | 2.50     |
| W. Palm Beach: Wagg Mem'l .....     | 5.00     |
| Williston .....                     | 12.50    |
| Lakeland: College Heights .....     | 22.04    |
| Holly Hill .....                    | 5.00     |
| Orlando: First .....                | 6.00     |
| Pine Castle-Orlando .....           | 70.21    |
| Pine Hills-Orlando .....            | 20.00    |
| Trinity-Orlando .....               | 5.00     |
| Oviedo-Geneva .....                 | 5.00     |
| Winter Garden: First .....          | 25.00    |
| Naples: First .....                 | 50.00    |

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| Lake City: First .....                 | 10.00  |
| Liberty Ct.: Grace .....               | 1.00   |
| Liberty Ct.: Bristol .....             | .50    |
| Keystone .....                         | 50.00  |
| Boca Raton .....                       | 10.00  |
| Orlando: First .....                   | 15.00  |
| Mem'l Meth. Ch., Fernandina Bch. ..... | 17.00  |
| Jacksonville: Fairfield .....          | 20.00  |
| Ridge Manor .....                      | 2.50   |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Mem'l .....       | 20.00  |
| Greater Miami: Wesley .....            | 25.00  |
| Apopka, First .....                    | 5.00   |
| Monteverde .....                       | 10.00  |
| Orlando: First .....                   | 252.10 |
| Sanford: First .....                   | 30.18  |
| Umatilla, First .....                  | 25.00  |
| Clearwater: Belmont Park .....         | 23.00  |
| Dunedin .....                          | 13.00  |
| Inverness .....                        | 12.50  |
| Lake City: First .....                 | 10.00  |
| Monticello .....                       | 20.97  |
| Springhead, Plant City .....           | 30.00  |
| Lakeworth: Calvary .....               | 125.00 |
| W. P. Beach: First .....               | 100.00 |

**DISTRICT CHURCH EXTENSION**

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|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Gainesville: First .....                        | \$ 100.00 |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Mem'l .....                | 417.00    |
| Cocoa .....                                     | 10.00     |
| Daytona Beach: First .....                      | 40.00     |
| Deland: First .....                             | 30.00     |
| Deland: Trinity .....                           | 20.00     |
| Eustis .....                                    | 10.00     |
| Fernandina Beach .....                          | 17.00     |
| Jax: Swalm Mem'l .....                          | 50.00     |
| Dade City .....                                 | 125.00    |
| Lakeland: First .....                           | 100.00    |
| Trilby-Blanton: Blanton .....                   | 10.00     |
| Key West: Big Coppitt .....                     | 20.00     |
| Miami: Southwest .....                          | 33.32     |
| Greater Miami: Wesley .....                     | 80.00     |
| Daytona Beach: Community .....                  | 100.00    |
| Eustis .....                                    | 93.75     |
| Holly Hill .....                                | 10.00     |
| Titusville .....                                | 50.00     |
| Bradenton: Manatee .....                        | 15.00     |
| Immokalee .....                                 | 19.00     |
| Miikka-Mykka City: .....                        | 8.00      |
| Lee Ct.: Hickory Grove .....                    | 4.17      |
| Quincy: Centenary .....                         | 104.00    |
| Melbourne: First .....                          | 330.00    |
| Melbourne: First .....                          | 165.00    |
| Vero Beach: First .....                         | 275.00    |
| Williston .....                                 | 12.50     |
| Clermont .....                                  | 50.00     |
| Miami: Tarboux Mem'l .....                      | 41.67     |
| Holly Hill .....                                | 5.00      |
| Orlando: Pine Castle .....                      | 6.25      |
| Pine Hills .....                                | 5.00      |
| St. Paul's .....                                | 8.00      |
| Trinity .....                                   | 6.25      |
| Oviedo-Geneva: Geneva .....                     | 5.00      |
| Sanford: Grace .....                            | 3.75      |
| St. Petersburg: Christ .....                    | 300.00    |
| St. Petersburg: Seminole .....                  | 66.63     |
| Naples .....                                    | 38.00     |
| Terra Ceia .....                                | 5.00      |
| Lake City: First .....                          | 20.00     |
| Lake City: DCE E.B. Luttrell, Salary .....      | 100.00    |
| Liberty Ct.—Grace .....                         | 1.00      |
| Liberty St.—Bristol .....                       | .50       |
| Plant City: First .....                         | 500.00    |
| Plant City: Trinity .....                       | 1750.00   |
| Tampa: Hyde Park .....                          | 375.00    |
| Tampa: Palms Ceia .....                         | 100.00    |
| Belle Glade (G.L. Royal) .....                  | 100.00    |
| Belle Glade .....                               | 150.00    |
| Belle Glade .....                               | 10.00     |
| Boca Raton .....                                | 30.00     |
| Boca Raton .....                                | 10.00     |
| Boynton Beach .....                             | 40.00     |
| Boynton Beach .....                             | 10.00     |
| Canal Point .....                               | 30.00     |
| Clewiston .....                                 | 85.00     |
| Clewiston .....                                 | 10.00     |
| Delray Beach .....                              | 160.00    |
| Delray Beach .....                              | 20.00     |
| Eau Gallie .....                                | 40.00     |
| Ft. Lauderdale: Christ .....                    | 75.00     |
| Ft. Lauderdale: Christ .....                    | 20.00     |
| Ft. Lauderdale: First .....                     | 70.00     |
| Melrose Park .....                              | 40.00     |
| Melrose Park .....                              | 20.00     |
| Park Temple .....                               | 350.00    |
| Park Temple .....                               | 310.00    |
| St. Andrew's .....                              | 20.00     |
| St. Andrew's .....                              | 30.00     |
| Wesley Chapel .....                             | 10.00     |
| Ft. Pierce: Community .....                     | 10.00     |
| Ft. Pierce: Community .....                     | 30.00     |
| Ft. Pierce: First .....                         | 160.00    |
| Ft. Pierce: First .....                         | 40.00     |
| Lake Worth: Calvary .....                       | 90.00     |
| Lake Worth: Calvary .....                       | 150.00    |
| Lake Worth: Lakeside .....                      | 20.00     |
| Mims .....                                      | 50.00     |
| Mount Dora .....                                | 10.00     |
| New Smyrne Beach .....                          | 10.00     |
| Orlando: Livingston Mem'l .....                 | 13.00     |
| Orlando: College Park .....                     | 10.00     |
| Orlando: First .....                            | 92.00     |
| Orlando: Goss Memorial .....                    | 10.00     |
| Orlando: Holden Heights .....                   | 10.00     |
| Orlando: Reeves Memorial .....                  | 25.00     |
| Orlando: St. Paul's .....                       | 10.00     |
| Orlando: Pine Castle .....                      | 10.00     |
| Sanford: First .....                            | 15.00     |
| Tavares .....                                   | 30.00     |
| Titusville .....                                | 10.00     |
| Umatilla .....                                  | 5.00      |
| Union Park .....                                | 35.00     |
| Winter Garden .....                             | 80.00     |
| Winter Park .....                               | 90.00     |
| Zellwood .....                                  | 10.00     |
| Orlando: Pine Hills .....                       | 10.00     |
| Orlando: Goss Memorial .....                    | 18.18     |
| Orlando: Holden Heights .....                   | 15.00     |
| Pierson .....                                   | 5.00      |
| Liberty Circuit: Bristol .....                  | 1.00      |
| Liberty Circuit: Grace .....                    | 2.00      |
| Quincy: Centenary .....                         | 200.00    |
| Vuincy: Centenary .....                         | 65.00     |
| District at Large .....                         | 25.00     |
| District at Large .....                         | 975.00    |
| Davie .....                                     | 75.00     |
| Florida City .....                              | 15.00     |
| Hollywood: Temple .....                         | 15.00     |
| Homestead: First .....                          | 10.00     |
| Key West: First .....                           | 25.00     |
| Key West: Lay Memorial .....                    | 45.00     |
| Miami: Allapattah .....                         | 10.00     |
| Miami: Central Boulevard .....                  | 5.00      |
| Miami: Christ .....                             | 10.00     |
| Miami: Coral Gables, First .....                | 170.00    |
| Miami: Fulford .....                            | 10.00     |
| Miami: Grace .....                              | 5.00      |
| Miami: Hialeah, North .....                     | 5.00      |
| Miami: Miami Beach .....                        | 1000.00   |
| Miami: Miami Springs .....                      | 25.00     |
| Miami: Norland .....                            | 5.00      |
| Miami: Palm Springs .....                       | 5.00      |
| Miami: Rader Memorial .....                     | 20.00     |
| Miami: Spanish American .....                   | 5.00      |
| Miami: Tamiami Temple .....                     | 5.00      |
| Miami: Tarboux Memorial .....                   | 15.00     |
| Miami: Trinity .....                            | 5.00      |
| Miami: Wesley .....                             | 125.00    |
| Miami: White Temple .....                       | 25.00     |
| Silver Palm .....                               | 35.00     |
| Brandon .....                                   | 10.00     |
| Tampa: Palma Ceia .....                         | 100.00    |
| Boynton Beach .....                             | 129.00    |
| Eau Gallie .....                                | 12.00     |
| Ft. Lauderdale: Aldersgate-Wes-ley Chapel ..... | 1.25      |
| Ft. Lauderdale: St. Andrew's .....              | 15.00     |
| Riviera Beach .....                             | 29.00     |
| Riviera Beach .....                             | 76.84     |
| Vero Beach: First .....                         | 100.00    |
| West Palm Beach: First .....                    | 500.00    |
| West Palm Beach: Wagg Mem. ..                   | 30.00     |
| North Shore .....                               | 75.00     |
| Wildwood .....                                  | 25.00     |
| Orange City .....                               | 12.00     |



# Christ and his Church

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|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Lake Placid .....                 | 60.00  | Orlando: Goss .....               | 30.00   | Tallahassee: Heights .....       | 3.30    |
| Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple ..... | 40.00  | Orlando: Holden Heights .....     | 20.00   | Canal Point .....                | 25.00   |
| Ft. Lauderdale: St. Andrews ..... | 20.00  | Orlando: Pine Castle .....        | 10.00   | Ft. Pierce: First .....          | 83.33   |
| Lake Worth: Calvary .....         | 150.00 | Orlando: Pine Hills .....         | 2.50    | Pahokee: First .....             | 25.00   |
| Pasadena Community .....          | 300.00 | Orlando: Reeves .....             | 2.50    | Ft. Lauderdale: St. Mark's ..... | 3.75    |
| Lake Worth: Lakeside .....        | 20.00  | Orlando: Reeves .....             | 150.00  | W. Palm Beach: Wagg Mem. ....    | 30.00   |
| Juno Beach - Lake Worth .....     | 10.00  | Orlando: St. Paul's .....         | 30.00   | Various Chs - W. Palm .....      | 1315.00 |
| Melbourne: First .....            | 40.00  | Orlando: Trinity .....            | 5.00    | Various Chs. - W. Palm Beach ..  | 785.00  |
| Melbourne: First .....            | 50.00  | Oviedo .....                      | 60.00   | Fernandina: Memorial Church ..   | 17.00   |
| Melbourne: St. Mark's .....       | 10.00  | Pierson .....                     | 10.00   | Jacksonville: Murray Hill .....  | 75.00   |
| Melbourne: St. Mark's .....       | 30.00  | Sanford: First .....              | 45.00   | Coleman-Sumterville .....        | 3.00    |
| Moore Haven .....                 | 10.00  | Sanford: Grace .....              | 10.00   | Lake Wales First .....           | 50.00   |
| Oakland Park .....                | 20.00  | Seville .....                     | 17.00   | Miami: Allapattah .....          | 425.00  |
| Okeechobee .....                  | 10.00  | Titusville .....                  | 107.50  | Miami: Bryan Mem. ....           | 166.66  |
| Okeechobee .....                  | 20.00  | Umatilla .....                    | 60.00   | Miami: Wesley .....              | 65.00   |
| Pahokee .....                     | 40.00  | Tavares .....                     | 190.00  | Miami: No. Hialeah .....         | 125.00  |
| Pahokee .....                     | 30.00  | Winter Garden .....               | 165.00  | Orlando: Monteverde .....        | 10.00   |
| Pompano Beach First .....         | 125.00 | Winter Park .....                 | 500.00  | Orlando: First .....             | 1000.00 |
| Pompano Beach First .....         | 80.00  | Cocoa Beach .....                 | 2.00    | Pierson .....                    | 5.00    |
| Pompano Beach: Trinity .....      | 30.00  | Orlando: Goss Mem. ....           | 18.18   | Sanford .....                    | 50.00   |
| Riviera Beach .....               | 25.00  | Orlando: St. Paul's .....         | 4.03    | Umatilla: First .....            | 50.00   |
| Riviera Beach .....               | 15.00  | Orio Vista .....                  | 12.50   | Dunedin .....                    | 113.00  |
| Roseland .....                    | 10.00  | Seville .....                     | 10.00   | Bonita Springs - Estero .....    | 5.00    |
| Sebastian .....                   | 30.50  | Ft. Myers: First .....            | 456.00  | Lake City: First .....           | 20.00   |
| Stuart .....                      | 145.00 | Ft. Myers: First .....            | 2500.00 | Lake City: New Church .....      | 100.00  |
| Stuart .....                      | 40.00  | Sarasota: First .....             | 750.00  | Tampa: Nebraska Avenue .....     | 100.00  |
| Vero Beach: First .....           | 365.00 | Sarasota: Trinity .....           | 13.00   | Tampa: Wesley Mem. ....          | 5.00    |
| Vero Beach: First .....           | 50.00  | Arcadia: Trinity .....            | 94.00   | West Palm Beach: Various Chs. .. | 580.00  |
| West Palm Beach: First .....      | 365.00 | Quincy: Centenary .....           | 25.00   | Delray Beach: Cason Mem. ....    | 60.00   |
| West Palm Beach: First .....      | 160.00 | Quincy: Centenary .....           | 22.00   | Lake Worth: Calvary .....        | 250.00  |
| West Palm Beach: Grace .....      | 50.00  | Quincy: Centenary .....           | 200.00  | Lakeland: Ridge Manor .....      | 20.00   |
| West Palm Beach: Magnolia Park .. | 10.00  | Quincy: Centenary .....           | 65.00   | Bonita Springs - Estero .....    | 5.00    |
| West Palm Beach: Northwood .....  | 115.00 | Plant City First .....            | 200.00  | Orlando: First .....             | 35.00   |
| West Palm Beach: Northwood .....  | 50.00  | Plant City: Trinity .....         | 100.00  |                                  |         |
| West Palm Beach: Wagg Mem. ....   | 35.00  | Ft. Lauderdale: First .....       | 28.00   |                                  |         |
| West Palm Beach: Wagg Mem. ....   | 30.00  | Lake Worth: Calvary .....         | 150.00  |                                  |         |
| Boca Raton .....                  | 35.00  | Juno Beach .....                  | 5.00    |                                  |         |
| Boynton Beach .....               | 50.00  | Moore Haven .....                 | 10.00   |                                  |         |
| Cau Gallie .....                  | 12.00  | Riviera Beach .....               | 29.00   |                                  |         |
| West Palm Beach First .....       | 500.00 | Ver o Beach: First .....          | 100.00  |                                  |         |
| Baldwin .....                     | 15.00  | Kendrick: St. John's .....        | 2.00    |                                  |         |
| Auburndale: First .....           | 50.00  | Avondale - Jacksonville .....     | 125.00  |                                  |         |
| Lake Wales .....                  | 50.00  | Leesburg: Morrison Mem. ....      | 250.00  |                                  |         |
| Leesburg: Morrison .....          | 250.00 | Various Churches Roy Perry Tr. .. | 582.50  |                                  |         |
| Oxford .....                      | 5.00   | North Hialeah .....               | 62.17   |                                  |         |
| Fulford .....                     | 175.00 | Ojus .....                        | 62.50   |                                  |         |
| Riverside: Miami .....            | 100.00 | Miami: Riverside .....            | 200.00  |                                  |         |
| Orlando: Broadway .....           | 75.00  | Miami: Trinity .....              | 500.00  |                                  |         |
| Orlando: Livingston .....         | 12.50  | Various Churches-Roy Perry Tr. .. | 540.00  |                                  |         |
| Greenville .....                  | 6.00   | Miami: Bryan Memorial .....       | 160.50  |                                  |         |
| Havana .....                      | 40.00  | So. Miami: First .....            | 1025.00 |                                  |         |
| Delray Beach: Cason .....         | 60.00  | Homestead: First .....            | 25.00   |                                  |         |
| Fellsmere .....                   | 20.00  | Key West: First .....             | 150.00  |                                  |         |
| Ft. Lauderdale: Aldersgate .....  | 20.00  | Orlando: Broadway .....           | 75.00   |                                  |         |
| Lake Worth: St. Luke's .....      | 20.00  | Daytona Beach: Community .....    | 100.00  |                                  |         |
| Pahokee .....                     | 25.00  | Orange City .....                 | 6.00    |                                  |         |
| Doctor's Inlet .....              | 3.00   | Sarasota: Manatee .....           | 15.00   |                                  |         |
| Jacksonville: Riverview .....     | 10.00  | W. Madison Ct.: Cherry Lake... .. | 2.50    |                                  |         |
| Bushnell .....                    | 5.00   |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Kathleen .....                    | 6.25   |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Webster: Linden .....             | 2.50   |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Winter Haven: Beymer .....        | 417.00 |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Dania .....                       | 66.66  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Miami: Holleman Park .....        | 75.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Miami: White Temple .....         | 150.00 |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Altosna .....                     | 5.00   |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Paisley .....                     | 10.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Apopka .....                      | 270.00 |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Casselberry .....                 | 10.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Cocoa .....                       | 30.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Cocoa Beach .....                 | 60.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Daytona Beach: Community .....    | 197.00 |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Daytona Beach: First .....        | 120.00 |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| DeLand: First .....               | 120.00 |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| DeLand: Trinity .....             | 35.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Enterprise .....                  | 10.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Eustis .....                      | 65.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Lake Helen .....                  | 5.00   |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Lockhart .....                    | 10.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Maitland .....                    | 50.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Mims .....                        | 60.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Montverde .....                   | 10.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Mt. Dora .....                    | 175.00 |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| N. Smyrna Beach: First .....      | 15.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Orlando: Livingston .....         | 44.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Orlando: Broadway .....           | 45.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Orlando: Christ .....             | 10.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Orlando: College Park .....       | 115.00 |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Concord Park - Orlando .....      | 10.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Orlando: Conway .....             | 15.00  |                                   |         |                                  |         |
| Orlando: First .....              | 438.00 |                                   |         |                                  |         |

## OTHER CONFERENCE APPROVED SPECIALS

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Jacksonville: Riverview .....   | 5.00   |
| Jacksonville: North Shore ..... | 75.00  |
| Orlando: First .....            | 100.00 |
| Dunedin .....                   | 13.00  |
| Davenport .....                 | 7.00   |
| Jacksonville: North Shore ..... | 25.00  |
| Homestead: First .....          | 25.00  |
| Melbourne: First .....          | 16.00  |
| Pahokee: First .....            | 10.00  |
| Orlando: Collge Park .....      | 7.34   |

## Marines Paint Church

A little white church with a green roof near Yamato, Japan, has a special meaning for a group of U. S. Marines.

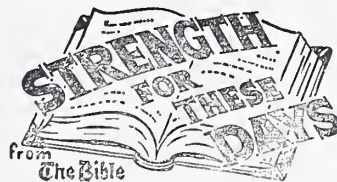
The marines, stationed at an air base in nearby Atsugi, noticed that the little country church was badly in need of painting, and they guessed that the church's budget was not adequate.

So they organized a work party, used part of their Protestant Chapel fund to buy paint, enlisted the aid of the church's teen-agers, and soon the task was accomplished.

Next, the marines pitched in to help build a playground.

Now the marines, led by their Protestant chaplain, Lt. Cdr. C. Walt Ackley, and the Rev. Nobuiku Umezawa, pastor, meet every Sunday afternoon at the freshly-painted church. One of their projects is teaching the Japanese youth English by using the new Testament.

Chaplain Ackley is a Free Methodist, sponsored by the Methodist Church's Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C.



... Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press forward...—(Philippians 3:13.)

Maybe a leopard can't change its spots, but a man can change his ways, his whole life, for the better. Renouncing the bad of the past, he can strive for and gain the good through earnest desire and prayer. Through God's mercy, he can begin a clean, new life.



## Emory University and The Methodist Tradition

As Methodists in the Southeast observe the 175th anniversary of their church in this country, attention will be focused on Emory University, long one of the Methodism's outstanding institutions. Emory is the only educational institution chartered by, and operated under the auspices of, the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

Many Methodist laymen tend to identify Emory with the Candler School of Theology alone, not recognizing the significance of the college, graduate and other professional schools in preparing laymen for useful service.

It is true that Emory's theology school provides more Methodist ministers than any other seminary. There are 409 students currently enrolled in the School. They come from the 16 annual conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, from 22 annual conferences outside the Southeast, from two foreign countries, and representing five denominations.

However, the Theology School takes strength from its identity with the rest of the University, and as a part of the total truth-seeking community. The University provides the circumstances under which academic and student life are enriched by the presence of the theology school. And the future ministers keep in touch with the work and thought of their fellows who are future leaders in secular professions.

The 175th anniversary of American Methodism is an appropriate time for a review of the history and growth of Emory, itself in the 123rd year.

Many details of Emory's early history are familiar—the decision of the Georgia Conference of The Methodist Church to start a college of its own; naming the new institution for John Emory, a young and beloved Bishop; calling the village laid out around the school Oxford, after the University at which John and Charles Wesley had studied.

From the beginning, Emory College has been committed to the broad view of Christian emphasis and service and to high standards of scholarship. These purposes provided the moral strength for survival during the school's early years. Finally, during the administration of Atticus G. Haygood, the college achieved the financial solidity necessary for Emory to realize her future opportunities.

In 1914, Emory's destiny began to be realized, when the general conference of the Methodist Epis-

## NEW BRIDE



**MRS. SHULER AUSTIN PEELE**

Fredda Young Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caldwell Thompson of Lincolnton, N. C., became the bride of Shuler Austin Peele, son of Dr. and Mrs. Shuler Peele of Tallahassee, at a ceremony conducted in the First Methodist Church of Lincolnton on the afternoon of November 14. Dr. Peele, father of the groom and Superintendent of the Tallahassee District, and the Rev. J. C. Reichard, pastor of the bride, were the officiating ministers.

Mrs. Peele is a graduate of Lincolnton College where she was on the May Court for 3 years and was editor of the College Yearbook. She is now teaching at Sharon School, Charlotte, N. C.

The groom is a graduate of Hillsborough High School, Tampa, Fla., and is now a senior at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C. There he is the editor of the school paper and is the Grand Treasurer of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He is especially well known in Methodist youth circles throughout the state.

The establishment of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, decided to establish a great university for the Southeast. The educational commission accepted the offer of \$500,000 from the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce plus an endowment of \$1,000,000 from Asa G. Candler, Sr., if the institution were located in Atlanta. Emory College became the nucleus of that University, chartered January 25, 1915.

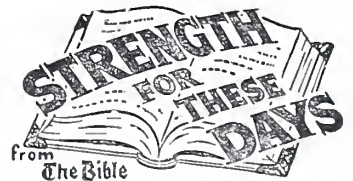
The Candler School of Theology, appropriately, was the first division of the University to open and schools of law, medicine, busi-

ness and graduate studies were soon in operation. The trustees moved the college, maintaining a junior college at Oxford. Under the administrations of Dr. Harvey W. Cox and Dr. Goodrich C. White, schools of nursing, librarianship and dentistry and the unique Institute of Liberal Arts, offering a Ph.D. in the humanities, were added. Coeds were admitted to all areas of the University program.

Today, with its well-established college, graduate and professional schools, and with a vast program of research, Emory can claim the role of a true university. Ph.D. degree programs are available in 11 fields of study. An excellent faculty including 350 full-time and over 500 part-time and volunteer members teach a record enrollment of 4,135. The library system contains some 500,000 volumes.

Emory's future holds even greater possibilities than those accomplished in the past. She must grow, in size, quality, and in strength, if she is to meet the challenges and demands of our expanding society. Plans for such growth were announced recently by Dr. S. Walter Martin, Emory president, in an address before the University's board of trustees.

Dr. Martin recommended a \$15,000,000 building program and a \$20,000,000 increase in endowment at Emory over the next decade. "With increased enrollment expected, and with costs continuing to rise, these goals must be met if we are to meet our responsibilities to the region and the nation," he said. "With the enthusiastic support of her constituency, Emory can play an increasingly vital role in the future of our country," Dr. Martin added.



A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you, and I will take the stony heart out of your flesh... (Ezekiel 36:26.)

The most wonderful thing in the world is that a man can change, through God's mercy gained through faith and prayer, from being evil to being good—that he can remain good by living and being constantly in God's ever-given love.



## Speaker at Ministers' Week



**DR. W. B. SELAH**

One of Methodism's powerful preachers will tell how it's done during Ministers' Week at Emory University, January 18-22, 1960.

The speaker will be Dr. W. B. Selah, pastor of Galloway Memorial Church in Jackson, Miss. His theme will be "Preaching with Power."

In a series of six talks Dr. Selah will discuss themes for preaching, preparation for preaching, use of the Bible in preaching, the form and manner of preaching, preaching in a time of tension and the secrets of preaching power.

A native of Sedalia, Mo., Dr. Selah was educated in the schools of Kansas City and at Central College. He later attended Yale Divinity School. During the depression years of the early 1930's Dr. Selah preached at Central Methodist in Kansas City. During the lean years of that time the church paid all benevolences, doubled its membership and built a new sanctuary.

This pattern of dynamic development has accompanied Dr. Selah to St. John's in Memphis, St. Luke's in Oklahoma City and to Galloway Memorial where he has served since 1945.

He is noted as a speaker and has been a frequent guest at pastors' schools and at colleges and universities throughout the country.

Dr. Selah will be one of several interesting personalities to appear before nearly a thousand alumni and friends of the Candler School of Theology, according to Dr. G. Ross Freeman, director of Emory's Ministers' Week.

The annual program, going into its 26th year, will include Dr.

W. D. Davies, professor of New Testament at Princeton University, who will deliver lectures on "The Setting of the Sermon on the Mount."

Dr. William R. Cannon, dean of the Candler School of Theology, will lecture on "The Challenge Which Communism Presents Theological Education." This lecture has grown out of concerns Dean Cannon developed on his tour of Russia last summer.

Dr. Charles R. Taylor, executive director of the American Association of Theological Schools, will compare the pattern of theological education in Europe with that in the United States in a lecture on Thursday morning, January 21.

A number of other interesting features are planned for the program.

Persons interested in making reservations or arranging special meetings should contact Dr. Freeman.

There is no registration fee for Ministers' Week.

## Florida Pastors' Conference Feb. 15 - 16

On Monday and Tuesday, February 15 and 16, 1960, the Sixth Annual Florida Pastors' Conference conducted by the General Extension Division of Florida will be held in the First Christian Church, 804 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida, with the cooperation of the Department of Religion, University of Florida, and the Florida Council of Churches.

This conference is interdenominational and will consist of a series of seminars, designed to help pastors and religious leaders, all of whom are cordially invited to attend. A discussion period will follow the lectures and addresses.

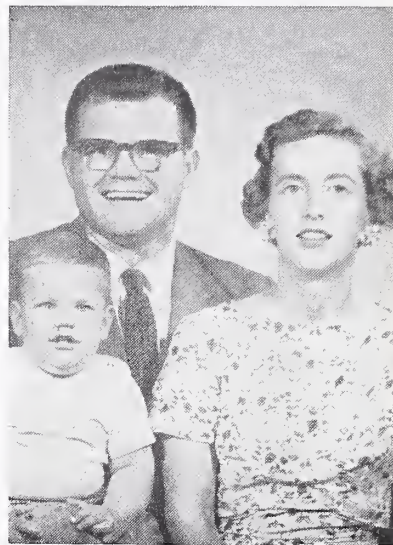
Among some of the speakers are: Rev. Carlyle Marney, Pastor, Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.; Dr. F. S. C. Northrop, internationally known author and authority on world affairs; and, Dr. S. C. Lee, an authority on Oriental studies.

Many of the student religious foundations will have open house on Monday evening, February 15, beginning at 5:30. Among these foundations are the Wesley Foundation, Presbyterian Student Center, United Lutheran, Baptist Student, Episcopal Student House, Hillell Foundation, Christian (Disciples of Christ), and others.

On Monday morning, February 15, at 10:45, Mr. Chester Bowles will address the University Convocation. All clergymen are invited to attend this Convocation at the Florida Gymnasium, University of Florida Campus.

## First Methodist Church Lakeland, Supports Petrys

After six weeks of advance promotion, Sunday, November 22, was designated as "Petry Day" at First Church, Lakeland, as that



**REV AND MRS RICHARD A. PETRY AND ALLEN**

church undertook to pledge the \$6,000 necessary for the full support of this new missionary couple. The Petrys, including little Allen, spent the weekend in Lakeland, participated in various activities on Saturday and Sunday and spoke at the morning service on Sunday. At the close of the service there was a real "grand march" as representatives of all the Sunday School classes, including the little folks, and other groups came down the aisle and presented their gifts. Final result—nearly \$9,000 pledged. More than 400 families of the church had a share in this undertaking.

As announced in advance of the offering, monies received over the amount needed for the Petrys for the first year is being given as follows: the first \$500 to Soochow University in Formosa; the next \$1,000 to the Ward Memorial in Hong Kong; and the balance to be directed to other World Mission Specials.

Says Dr. Clare M. Cotton, pastor: "So First Church, Lakeland, join the ranks of those churches giving full support to a missionary couple—and we like the feeling!"

**Dr. Dwight H. Ferguson** of St. Petersburg, a Methodist lay speaker and a missionary evangelist for the Oriental Missionary Society, was the preacher and the **Rev. Marvin Osborne**, pastor at Montverde, was the song leader in a revival held at Reeves Memorial, Orlando, where the **Rev. Paul M. Stewart** is pastor.



## Purely Personal

The ladies of the W.S.C.S. and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Murray Hill Church, Jacksonville, honored their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Elliott S. Ritch, Sr., with a reception on their 25th Wedding Anniversary on the afternoon of December 6th.

Dr. Harry H. Waller, Sarasota District Superintendent, preached and conducted a baptismal service on December 6th at First Church, West Palm Beach, where he was pastor from 1951-1957.

The Rev. David J. Cathcart of Lakeland, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education, will be a leader of panel discussions at a national conference on the ministry being held for Methodist leaders of ministerial training December 29-31 at National College, Kansas City, Mo.

The Rev. Robert J. Gisler was the speaker at a Pearl Harbor Memorial-Civil Defense meeting sponsored by the Jacksonville-Duval County Civil Defense Council on December 7th. Mr. Gisler, pastor of the Snyder Memorial Church of Jacksonville, spoke on "1973 — U.S.A. or U.S.S.R.?"

Reuel Pratt, Sr., a member of First Church, Dade City, who recently returned from a tour of Russia, is soon to tell of his observations and show his films to his fellow members.

Mrs. Evelyn A. Fussell, 96, widow of the late Bryant Fussell of Webster, died of pneumonia in the Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, D. C., on September 17. The Fussells were very active in the Methodist work in this state for many years and most of their children graduated from Florida Southern College.

President George W. Gambill of Andrew College, Cuthbert, Ga., and his family are now living in a new home. This is a welcome innovation for 100 years the president of this school has always lived in the dormitory. The new one is located off campus, about a 4-minute drive from the college.

The Rev. Jack Kelly of Trinity, Plant City, a former pastor, was the Homecoming preacher at Barnett Memorial Church, Enterprise, on Thanksgiving Day.

## Bible Study Workshops



REV. CARL R. KEY

The General Extension Division of Florida is cooperating with the Florida Council of Churches, the American Bible Society and the local Ministerial Associations to bring a series of Bible Study Workshops on The Use and Understanding of the Bible to several Florida cities early next month. The Workshop is designed for Clergymen, Church leaders and Laymen and will emphasize the importance of Bible reading and study for understanding, personal enrichment, family worship and fellowship, group participation and community-wide outreach.

Leaders for the course include the Rev. Carl R. Key, of the West Virginia Council of Churches; the Rev. T. Newton Wise of the American Bible Society; the Rev. Jack Davis of the Florida Council of Churches; the Rev. David J. Cathcart and Mrs. Dave Bosworth, both representing Commissions or sections of the Florida Council of Churches.

The dates and locations of the Workshops are as follows:

January 4—Morrison Memorial Methodist Church, Leesburg.

January 5—The Methodist Church, Dade City.

January 6—The Christian Church, Bartow.

January 7—The Methodist Church, Davenport—Davenport and Haines City.

January 8—The First Baptist Church, Kissimmee.

There is an enrollment fee of \$1.25 per person to defray the expenses of the Workshop.

## GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

The Rev. James C. Rowan, pastor, and other leaders of the Kendall Church directed the annual Family Night Dinner on Nov. 18. The Rev. W. L. Joyner of the Wesley Church, Miami, was the speaker of the evening.

Mr. F. W. Glenister, assistant superintendent of the Florida Methodist Children's Home, was the speaker at this month's meeting of Methodist Men at Morrison Memorial, Leesburg.

Mrs. Claude Harden was the speaker and the W.S.C.S. raised \$250 for their work at home and abroad at a 5th Sunday evening service on November 29 at Trinity, Lakeland. The money was raised by inviting members of the church to contribute the amount of money they would have spent had the W.S.C.S. held the usual fall bazaar which has been discontinued.

New pews for the choir and a new carpet have been installed recently at Cross City.

The appearance of the Florida Southern College Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. J. Birney Gross, was a feature of the Lakeland District Conference this year.

Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, professor of Old Testament at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., will be the speaker at the Post-Christmas Institute to be held Dec. 27-29 at Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale.

The M.Y.F. of Trinity Church, Lakeland, is raising funds to pay for tile flooring for one of the recently constructed Sunday School rooms by selling stationery bearing a picture of the sanctuary. The seniors also are making a contribution of \$5 per month to the fund being raised for a new parsonage.

Palm Springs, Hialeah, observed its first birthday on Dec. 6th. The pastor, the Rev. A. E. Purviance, received 35 new members into the church on that day and the Rev. Robert B. Chapman, Jr., pastor of First Church, Ft. Pierce, opened a week's revival.

The Florida Council of Churches is announcing a series of 10 Peace Study Program Seminars for pastors and others to be held throughout the state in January. Watch the Council's Newsletter for detailed information.



## Council of Bishops Meets

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Arizona Methodists vied with their state's widely-acclaimed sunshine in extending a warm welcome to the church's Council of Bishops at its semi-annual meeting here Nov. 17-20.

Governor Paul Fannin and Mayor-elect Sam Mardian, Jr., of Phoenix, both active Methodist laymen, headed a list of some 300 churchmen who attended a dinner in honor of the visiting Episcopal leaders and their wives. Bishop Gerald Kennedy of the Los Angeles Area, president-designate of the council for 1960, was host to his distinguished colleagues.

Sharing with Bishop and Mrs. Kennedy in making the visitors feel at home were the seven district superintendents of the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference and many pastors and lay leaders of churches in the area.

Principal speaker at the banquet was the noted physicist, Dr. Joseph Kaplan of the University of California at Los Angeles, who has served as chairman of the U. S. committee on the International Geophysical Year.

Discussing the problem of educating for survival in the space age, Dr. Kaplan emphasized the importance of broad general cultural training rather than a too narrow preoccupation with scientific research.

"The greatest progress in science will be made against the background of broad general culture in which all of the disciplines will be involved," he said.

One must not minimize the high capabilities of the Russians in space research, Dr. Kaplan warned, but he pointed out that the Soviet achievements have been made by concentrating their efforts in a few narrow fields.

"We ought not to be needlessly concerned with this space-age race for propaganda purposes," he said.

In contrast to the festive air of the banquet room, the bishops set aside a special period at one of their sessions to honor three of their colleagues and the wife of a bishop who had died during the past year. Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia spoke in tribute to the late Bishop Ralph A. Ward of the Hong Kong Area and Bishop J. Moore of Atlanta spoke about the life work of the late Bishop John W. Branscomb of the Jacksonville (Fla.) Area.

Also honored at the memorial service were retired Bishop William Walter Peele and Mrs. Orina Kidd Garber, wife of Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Richmond (Va.)

Area. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte, N. C., read the obituary



BISHOP MARVIN A. FRANKLIN

for Bishop Peele, and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis paid tribute to Mrs. Garber.

The council deferred commemoration of Bishop H. Bascom Watts at the request of his widow until a later time when it would be possible for her to attend. Bishop Watts, who administered the Nebraska Area, died only two weeks before the meeting.

The bishops voted to send greetings to British Methodists upon the dedication of the boyhood home of Bishop Francis Albury as a Methodist "shrine." Bishop Corson, who is vice president of the World Methodist Council, will personally represent the bishops at the dedication.

Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City injected a triumphant note into the council meeting when he read a radiogram reporting great success in an evangelistic mission in Korea. Speaking as president of the church's Board of Evangelism, Bishop Smith said that 969 persons had just been baptized at Ewha University by Dr. Harry Denman of Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the board and head of the evangelistic team which has been working in Korea's schools and colleges.

Bishop Ralph E. Dodge of the Lourenzo Marques Area in Africa was named to the Board of Missions, replacing the late Bishop Ralph A. Ward.

Bishop Eugene M. Frank of St. Louis, head of the Missouri Area, was named to succeed Bishop Watts on the Commission on Entertainment of the General Conference.

Anticipating the 1960 General Conference, which opens April 27 in Denver, Colo., the bishops ap-

pointed a committee on correlation to watch for duplications or conflicts in legislation adopted by the church's highest law-making body. Named to the committee were: the Rev. Dr. Murray H. Leiffer of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.; the Rev. Dr. J. Edgar Skillington, retired member of the Central Pennsylvania Conference and noted parliamentarian of the denomination; the Rev. Dr. John Q. Schisler of Nashville, Tenn.; the Rev. Dr. Emory S. Bucke, Nashville, book editor of the church; and the Rev. Dr. Leon T. Moore, Philadelphia, secretary of the General Conference.

Bishop Eleazar Guerra of the Methodist Church of Mexico was a visitor at the council's meeting.

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin of Jackson, Miss., presided as president of the council, and Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville served as secretary.

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## Methodists Make News . .

Ernest W. Peterson, church editor of the **Oregon Journal**, Portland, and a prominent Methodist layman, will retire January 1 after 46 years service on that paper. He has been a member of several Jurisdictional and General Conferences and has served for many years on the secretarial staff of the General Conference.

A. R. Alexander, 100-year-old judge of Plattsburg, Missouri, who has been an active Methodist layman for many years, was featured in a recent issue of the **Kansas City Star**. He sang in the church quartet until he was past 90.

The U. S. Navy chaplain in England, Francis L. Garrett, was a guest minister in London recently at the annual commemoration of the sailing of the *Mayflower* in 1620 to the new world.

Dr. Ernest S. Griffith, dean of American University's School of International Service, has been named "Layman of the Year" by the National Capital Area Council of Churches.

The first area-wide Conference on Church Staff Relationships ever undertaken in The Methodist Church in the United States was held in Wheeling, West Virginia, November 10-12. It was sponsored by the three conferences of the Pittsburgh Area.

The Rev. Dr. Edgar A. Sexsmith, 84, retired pastor and a leader in Methodist unification, died in Washington, D. C., November 2nd.

The Rev. Dr. Edward Laird Mills, 84, former editor of the **Pacific Christian Advocate**, died November 7 at Palo Alto, California.

## REV. HUTCHERSON ENTERS FIELD OF EVANGELISM

The Rev. Cyrus B. Hutcherson, minister of the Arcadia Church of Paducah, Ky., will re-enter the field of evangelism the first of the year. Mr. Hutcherson was formerly a member of the Florida Conference and transferred to the Memphis Conference about 6 years ago. After January 1, 1960, his address will be Montrose Park, Madisonville, Ky.



Rev. Hutcherson

## Methodists to Launch 'Decade of Prayer'

A 10-year Methodist-sponsored international prayer program entitled a "Decade of Prayer" will be launched Dec. 31-Jan. 1 at Knoxville, Tenn. The Rev. Dr. E. Stanley Jones will be the principal speaker. During the conference, a prayer school will be conducted, said the Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Caruth, Nashville, head of the Prayer Life Movement of the Board of Evangelism, which is promoting a "Decade of Dynamic Discipleship" during the 1960's. About 500 persons from 19 states had registered by Dec. 4 to attend. The Decade of Prayer will include prayer vigils and prayers for peace.



"Anyone who ever set the world on fire probably started by burning a little midnight oil."

## Lake Wales Church Marks Up A Victory

Engaged in a campaign to raise \$100,000 on a total goal of \$157,000, the workers of the First Methodist Church of Lake Wales secured pledges totalling \$118,125 from the first 282 families and individuals who pledged. Campaign Chair F. M. O'Byrne believes there is a possibility of reaching the \$157,000 goal in the one drive.

The funds being raised are to be used to build an addition to the church's educational facilities and to secure a site for a second Methodist Church in Lake Wales. The educational building will be a one-story structure surrounding a landscaped patio and will house the children's division and provide a parlor and classroom for the Matron's Class. Changes will be made also in the present structure.

"When completed, these additional facilities will make this one of the very best church plants for a congregation this size in the entire state," states the pastor, the Rev. Robert C. Boggs.

Mr. E. V. Peters, chairman of the church's site committee, reports that a site in the southwest

section of Lake Wales has been located and approved for purchase.

Building Chairman Marvin White reports that construction will begin when half the money is in hand or not later than December 1, 1960.

## 93% of Conferences Meet in May - June

June is not only a popular month for weddings. It seems also to be a favorite time for annual conferences. The plan of Episcopal visitation, just compiled by Bishop W. Earl Ledden of Syracuse, N. Y., for the Council of Bishops, schedules 57 conferences during June and six others that open on the last days of May and run into June. Thirty other conferences meet in May. In other words, 93 of the 100 domestic annual conferences meet in May or June. First conference to be held in 1960 is Puerto Rico, Jan. 27-31. Hawaii meets in March, and Cuba, in July. Only four meet after Sept. 1: New Jersey, North Alabama, and two Central Jurisdiction conferences—Florida and South Carolina.

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## Announces Retirement

Dr. Robert L. Allen, superintendent of the Tampa district, announced to the District Conference Dec. 7 that he will retire in



DR. ROBERT L. ALLEN

June of 1960. He said he had hoped to complete six years as a superintendent, but that his doctor insists that he must retire earlier. He added that his doctor had urged him to retire last fall, but he won permission to finish out the year, thus avoiding the necessity of new appointments between conferences.

The announcement was made early in the afternoon session of the district conference, and was greeted with expressions of regret, sympathy and love. Dr. Allen announced his own retirement in connection with an appeal for support of the Branscomb Memorial Auditorium. He said that he counted John Branscomb as one of his dearest friends, and wanted to climax his final year in the district with strong support of the Branscomb Memorial. A warm solemnity pervaded the remaining hours of the conference.

Dr. Allen noted that 41 years ago he was forced by ill health to give up a pastorate and move to Florida, and he concluded that all health can bring blessings, for without it he never would have moved to this delightful state.

## Thankful Prisoners

THE LAKELAND LEDGER recently carried a feature story noting the fact that the prisoners in the Polk County Jail in Bartow had written a number of letters to the Sheriff and to the Chief Jailer, Buddy Cottingham, thanking them for "the wonderful Thanksgiving dinner served . . . and for the church service held here." A group of 18 inmates in one cellblock wrote the jailer and his wife: "May God bless the both of you, and again we want to say thank you on this fine Thanksgiving Day." The letter was signed "Yours in Christ" and carried the signatures of all the inmates. The Cottinghams are members of the Asbury Methodist church in Bartow.

## Public Relations In The Churches

Sponsored by the Florida Council of Churches, the Florida District of Kiwanis International and the local Kiwanis Clubs in the host cities, the General Extension Division of Florida is presenting a 4-hour non-credit short course on Public Relations in the Churches in 4 Florida cities next month. Dr. Robert Treese, Professor of Worship and Practical Theology at Boston University, will be in charge of instruction and the course is especially for ministers and ushers.

The course will be presented as follows: January 17 and 18—Marianna, Florida, at the Chipola College Auditorium; January 19 and 20—Palatka, Florida, at the First Presbyterian Church; January 21 and 22—Fort Pierce, Florida, at the First Presbyterian Church; January 24 and 25—Boca Raton, Florida, at the First Methodist Church.

There is a \$2.00 registration fee and further information may be secured from the General Extension Division or from the Ministerial Associations or Kiwanis Clubs in the host cities.

## Junaluska Building Plan

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C. — An eight-year, \$900,000 building and improvement program is projected for The Methodist Church's southeastern summer assembly here.

Highlights of the plan were announced following a meeting of the executive and finance committees of the assembly's board of trustees in Atlanta, Ga.

The 1960-64 phase of the expansion program calls for work to begin at once on these projects:

1. A \$90,000 multi-purpose building to be named for retired Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Decatur, Ga.
2. Extensive improvements, totaling \$10,000, to the Terrace Hotel.
3. Widening of Lakeshore Drive — the principal thoroughfare — and additional parking facilities, at a total cost of \$25,000.

The new Bishop Harrell Center is to be a two-story, split-level building, 75 by 150 feet. It will contain offices, conference rooms, an adult center, a library, a lounge and several shops.

The old administration building and boat house are being razed to make room for the lakeside center. Tentative plans also call for the Methodist Publishing House to build a new book store adjacent to the center.

Improvements at the Terrace Hotel call for the installation of private baths and general recon-

ditioning of the building before the 1960 season opens.

After 1960, the first four-year plan has \$150,000 earmarked for a new 50-room lodge and the installation of heating facilities in the cafeteria; \$110,000 for a new sewer line and sewage disposal plant, and \$15,000 for an outdoor gymnasium.

A \$400,000 hotel, to replace the Terrace, is slated for the 1964-68 period.

The committees also have allocated \$100,000 to dredge and reclaim the upper portion of Lake Junaluska after 1964. This section of the lake is rapidly filling with silt.

The improvements were announced by Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, N. C., president of the assembly, and the Rev. J. W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent and treasurer.

## It's A Methodist Fact . . .

The Rev. Kenneth Jones led the vesper services during Youth Week at First Church, Clearwater. Another feature of the Week was a Wednesday evening Talent Night following the regular mid-week worship service.

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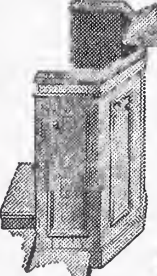
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## "Christmas in Space"

### N.C.C. President's Message

The Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, St. Louis, president of the National Council of Churches, has asserted in a Christmas message that faith in God and passion for peace are among the deepest rooted hungers of mankind in this era of clashing ideologies and competition for control of space.

"It is a sin and a disgrace to us all," Dr. Dahlberg said, "that we should permit a materialistic God-denying Communist like Nikita Khrushchev to grab the ball and run away with it—going down the field of history with such great words as universal disarmament, world friendship, reconciliation and good will.

"These are our words, Christian words . . . May our Father in heaven forgive us for being too timid to proclaim and implement the very message that was given to us on that Christmas Eve so long ago."

The message was prepared in advance of the Council president's current mission to visit and bring Christmas greetings to U. S. Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen manning defense outposts in the Pacific. He is scheduled to deliver a Christmas Day sermon to armed forces personnel on Okinawa. From there he will visit defense personnel in Taiwan and the Philippines. He will also make a post-Christmas tour of church-supported refugee centers in Asia and the Middle East in a month-long journey by air that will take him on the first round-the-world mission ever carried out by a Council president. He will return to New York, Jan. 14.

The full text of Dr. Dahlberg's Christmas message titled, "Christmas in Space," follows:

"The Bethlehem concept of spatial splendor stands in refreshing contrast to our modern ideas of other inhabited worlds.

"Readers of comic strips and space adventure stories think of outer space as being peopled by green-headed, round bellied little beings with goggle eyes and with antennae sprouting out of their foreheads—a kind of celestial vermin plotting diabolical invasion of the earth.

"Those not obsessed with these juvenile notions may be tempted to think in terms of military power, projecting our conflicts with the Communists to the furthest vaults of heaven.

For two days this past year I attended a military-industrial conference at which nearly a thousand delegates were present. Among them were rocket experts, industrialists and educators from the ends of the earth.

"It was a depressing experience. The entire time we spent in grubbing among the stars — not in search of God, but tracking down possible locations for launching platforms, missile pads, and strategy for the military and economic conquest of the Communist powers.

"Christmas should recall to us the exalted visions of the Bethlehem plain. The shepherds beheld that night the heavens opening, and heard angels singing. 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'

"That is a good faith to live by.

"Faith in God is still the supreme yearning of millions of His children. So likewise is the passion for peace among the nations. But we must put these prayers to work. It is a sin and a disgrace to us all that we should permit a materialistic, God-denying Communist like Nikita Khrushchev to grab the ball and run away with it—going down the field of history with such great words as universal disarmament, world friendship, reconciliation, and good will. These are our words, Christian words. They were given to us by Christ our Lord, and by the prophets of Israel before him. May our Father in heaven forgive us for being too timid to proclaim and implement the very message that was given to us on that Christmas Eve so long ago.

"Possibly God has waited long enough. He may be saying to us, 'I have been counting on you who bear my name. But if you fail me, I shall have to give my gospel to other nations, other ideologies, and other religions.' It would not be the first time in history that God has rejected his people, and turned to the shepherds, managers, and stables of the world for the renewal of hope and righteousness among men."

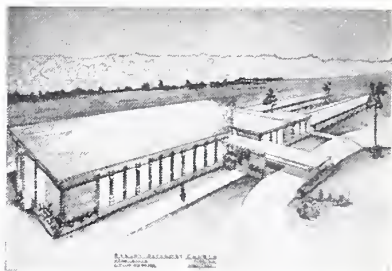
### HOSPITAL PRAYER SERVICE

When Mrs. Charles A. Thompson, wife of the pastor of Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven, and editor of THE FLORIDA METHODIST, had surgery last month, a layman of the church called at the parsonage early one Sunday morning and asked Mr. Thompson to accompany him. He drove the pastor to the local hospital where Mrs. Thompson was a patient and there, in the hospital chapel, the official board of the church was gathered, along with a minister from another church, to engage in prayers of thanksgiving for her good progress to that point and to pray for her complete and speedy recovery. The prayers were answered.

## Ground Breaking At Vero Beach



Pictured here, left to right, are West Palm Beach District Superintendent Dr. Henry W. Blackburn, the Rev. John V. Whitehead, minister of the Asbury Church, and the Rev. Durward McDonell, pastor of First Church, both of Vero Beach, at the ground-breaking ceremonies that were conducted recently for the first unit of the new church plant of the Asbury congregation.



Pictured also is the architect's drawing of the over-all plan for the new church. The Fellowship Hall, which is the first unit now under construction, is pictured as the middle portion on the drawing.

The Asbury Church was organized October 26, 1958, and now has a membership of 98. The congregation is meeting in the Cafeteria of the Rosewood Elementary School. The Rev. Mr. Whitehead has served the church from the very beginning.

### Spanish Speaking Services

The Rev. Felix Morales, pastor of the Spanish American Church of Miami, was the guest speaker when the Floral Park Church of that city held a Spanish speaking Sunday service on December 13th. The Spanish edition of THE UPPER ROOM was presented to each person attending.

The Rev. Clarence W. Whitley, pastor at Floral Park, and his people report that this is the first such service to be conducted by an English speaking church in Miami.



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—JOHN WESLEY



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## The YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By HOOVER RUPERT

**KIDS AND CARS**

If you are a teen-ager who has his own car, you probably aren't going to like this column. If you are a teen-ager who would like to have a car and have been pestering your old man for one, you will probably try to confiscate this issue of this periodical so he won't get a chance to read this. If you are among the "have nots" and your situation financially dictates that you will probably remain in this category car-wise for some years to come, you may find comfort herein/

For I propose to bandy a few words on the general subject of teen-agers and autos. Granted that I may be uniquely sensitive because a teen-ager in my family is gradually approaching the age when driver's license testing will be in order for her, and the subject will become more than academic with yours truly, the old man.

The cause for this expression grows out of a news release which came to my attention recently. It is date-lined Wells, Nevada. It seems that Lance Agee, a reporter for his Wells High School student magazine, made a survey at the school and came up with the following statistics:

- Not one straight "A" student at Wells High School owns a car.
- Only 5% of the "B" students own a car.
- About 45% of the "C" students own cars.
- A 71% of the "D" students own cars.

Unbiased reporter that he is,

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BISHOP JOHN WARREN BRANSCOMB  
May 11, 1905 - January 16, 1959

**JOHN BRANSCOMB**

*John was like Christ in many striking ways,  
And like the Master, left us all too soon  
To see his dreams fulfilled. Yet he bequeathed  
The good example of a life well lived,  
And gave the church a passion and a zeal  
To go beyond horizons, where the Master  
Yet calls us to come over and assist.*

*He never was an idler, trifling with his time,  
But having trained himself in the things of Christ,  
He sought for holy orders, and a task  
Commensurate with the greatness of his call,  
And shepherded the flock and preached the word.  
His preaching was dramatic and alive  
With many a story that gave light and warmth;  
And nearness to the preacher stirred men's hearts  
With half-forgotten dreams of hope and love.  
No wonder that his candle, brightly burning,  
Was placed upon a golden candlestick.  
We often lit our candles at his flame,  
And none were lesser, but were greater men,  
For John possessed the gift of leadership.*

*The Bishop was warm hearted to the core,  
And knew each preacher by his given name;  
"Your friend and His," he shut his heart to none.  
There was no sickness in the parsonage  
Or fine achievement of a boy or girl,  
That missed his eye or failed to touch his heart.  
He seldom chided, but was always glad  
To recognize a minister or church  
Whose loyal diligence achieved success.*

*Indefatigable, he worked too hard,  
Until consumed with love's impassioned zeal,  
And great concern to lead and bless the church,  
Like some bright falling star he passed away,  
Blazing a trail of glory through the night.*

*He was so humble and just one of us,  
We were not able to assess the man;  
But now we see his stature and surmise  
The Master must have been a lot like John.*

—CHARLES HANNIBAL VOSS



## Methodist Democracy In Action

Every four years Methodists from all over the world send delegates to General Conference, the church's supreme law-making body. At this year's session in Denver from April 27 to May 11, some 880 men and women delegates — equally divided between laymen and clergymen — will be present.

For an explanation of Methodist democracy in action at the Conference, Dr. Walter G. Williams, dean of students at Iliff School of Theology, Denver, answers a series of frequently asked questions in the February issue of the church's family magazine, **TOGETHER**.

The bishops, says Dr. Williams, have two main Conference functions: they take turns presiding at the various sessions, but without vote; they prepare in advance the Episcopal Address, which one of them delivers in the name of all of them.

For the 146 years since Bishop McKendree presented the first one, this 16,000 to 18,000 word message has been a description of the "state of the church." Although it is not formally accepted or rejected, it serves on the floor and in committee to guide the work of delegates, who frequently quote from it.

The bishop who delivers the address is chosen by ballot, without nomination, in the Council of Bishops. The address is a composite of some 50 bishops, although the actual writing is done by the one who delivers it. It serves as the voice of the bishops only, and not the voice of the Conference.

One has only to look over the roster of delegates to sense the democratic character of the Conference. The 1956 Conference had 160 pastors and 131 district superintendents. Businessmen outnumbered all other lay people, 113. There were 17 farmers, and five laborers and craftsmen. Women accounted for 71 of the delegates.

Delegates, explains Dr. Williams, are chosen by their own Annual Conferences. Their expenses are paid out of the General Administrative Fund. A daily allowance of \$14 will be granted for meals and lodging in 1960.

That the Conference is an expensive one is judged from the total costs of the 1956 Conference in Minneapolis. That amounted to \$426,229.

A Commission on Entertainment is responsible for all Conference arrangements. By lot, this Commission draws the names of the Annual Conference, thus determining the order of seating.

The Conference is opened with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Various boards and agencies present programs, using all the arts of film, music, and pageantry. Stirring addresses are given by world-renowned speakers.

Since legislation gets top priority, social affairs are held to a minimum. Some dinners honoring individuals are held, but they are always scheduled for 5:30 so that they will be over before the evening Conference session begins.

The Conference hears board and agency reports, determines budgets, and decides on the program of the church for the next four years until the next General Conference. Any members of The Methodist Church may submit a memorial (proposal for action) on any subject, and he may be assured that it will be recorded by title in **The Daily Christian Advocate** and referred to the appropriate standing committee for "concurrence" or "nonconcurrence." In 1956 there were 3,010.

Each delegate, writes Dr. Williams, is on one of the 16 standing committees — the ministry, mission, education, lay activities, publishing interests, etc. — that turn out the legislation. A delegate may serve on one or more of the administrative committees,

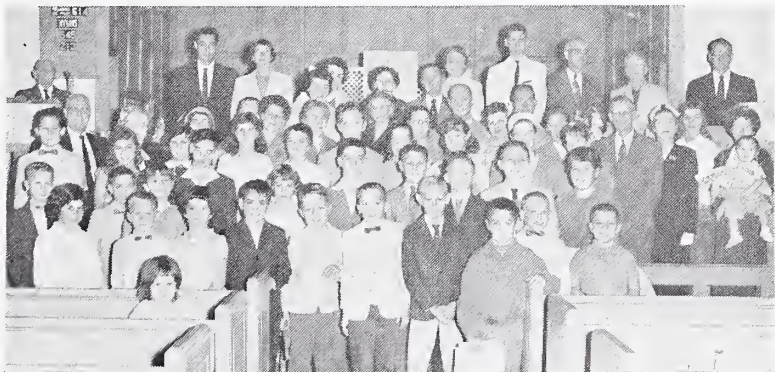
but the standing legislative committee is his first responsibility. The committees have from 75 to 125 members. They meet every afternoon and some evenings.

At the 1960 Conference, "divergent views will find free expression," concludes Dr. Williams. "There will be no 'compromise at all cost.' There may even be majority and minority reports. But if the General Conference lives up to its past record, there will be no purpose to get a choice between extreme positions. Rather, there will be a desire for solid decisions on statements that represent clearheaded, warmhearted churchmanship."

## 798 Openings Listed In Missionary Work

The Methodist Church has 798 specific openings for missionaries in the United States and 40 countries overseas in 1960. This includes openings for both career and special-term (two- or three-year) missionaries and for all three of the Board of Missions' administrative divisions—Division of National Missions, Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Of the total number of vacancies, 634, are abroad—in Asia, Africa, and North and South America—and 164 are in the United States.

## TOTAL ENLISTMENT AT LAKE WORTH



Calvary Methodist Church, Lake Worth, concluded its ten weeks of "Total Enlistment For Christ Program" with Membership Sunday, November 29th, at which time 63 members were received into the fellowship of the church by the Rev. T. Howren Norton, pastor.

The Total Enlistment For Christ Program is a plan adopted by the Florida Annual Conference of the Methodist Church for use in the local churches not only to win the unenlisted to Christ and the church but also to enrich the lives of the members and to urge them to enlist their talents for Christ and His Church.

During the ten weeks' program, Family Group Meetings were held every Wednesday evening in 23 homes throughout the community at which a high of 199 in attendance was reached. This phase of the plan was climaxed by a joint meeting of all groups at the church during the final weeks of the program.

Many fine things have come about as a result of this program. An increase in attendance at Church School and at all of the Sunday Church Worship Services, and in general a greater desire among the members to work together in this great task of Kingdom Building.



## CHURCH PLANT IS CONSECRATED



On the last Sunday in November, Dr. Harry H. Waller, Sarasota District Superintendent, preached for the Rev. Charles J. St. C. Jeans, pastor, and consecrated the sanctuary, a new church school building, and a new organ to the service of God at the Methodist Church in Oneco.

The sanctuary, a single-story concrete block structure of Spanish architecture, was completed in 1954 during the pastorate of the Rev. Whitney J. Dough. The

sanctuary seats approximately 325 persons and the ceiling is finished in natural pine.

The new educational building is a 2-story structure and provides nine classrooms for more than 300 Sunday School pupils. It has been completed only recently, work on the building having begun in 1958. Much of the work on both of these buildings was done by the members of the congregation.

The new electric organ has recently been installed in the sanctuary.

## To Lecture at Emory

"The Setting of the Sermon on the Mount" will be the theme for six lectures by Dr. W. D. Davies, noted Bible scholar, during Min-

isters' Week at Emory University, January 18-22, 1960.

will lecture on the setting (1) In Matthew (2) In Jewish Messianic Expectation (3) In the Early Church: I-Paul (4) In the Early Church: II Outside Paul (5) In Contemporary Judaism (6) In the Ministry of Jesus.

A native of Wales, Dr. Davies was educated at the University of Wales and at Cambridge. He served as minister of the Congregational Church, Fowlmere, Cambridge, and later taught theological subjects at Cambridge, Yorkshire United College, Duke, Princeton and Union.

He helped the Department of Religion at Princeton to inaugurate its broad new program of graduate study leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Religion. His major research has concerned the inter-action of Judaism and Christianity in the First Century.

Dr. W. B. Selah, widely-known pastor of Calloway Memorial Church at Jackson, Miss., will lecture on "Preaching with Power." Dr. William R. Cannon, dean of the Candler School of Theology, will lecture on "The Challenge Which Communism Presents Theological Education." This lec-

ture has grown out of concerns Dean Cannon developed on his tour of Russia last summer.

Dr. Charles R. Taylor, executive director of the American Assn. of Theological Schools, will compare the pattern of theological education in Europe with that in the United States in a lecture on Thursday morning, Jan. 21.

Dr. Immanuel Ben-Dor, professor of Biblical Archeology and Semitics at Emory, will lecture on the Dead Sea Scrolls Wednesday morning. Dr. Ben-Dor, a noted archeologist, was for several years assistant director of the Department of Antiquities of Israel. Before coming to Emory he was a visiting lecturer at the Harvard Divinity School.

At the twenty-sixth banquet Thursday night, Frank Roughton, now a student at the Candler School of Theology at Emory, will give a dramatic presentation of the Sermon on the Mount, costumed as Christ. Mr. Roughton was formally an actor in the American version of the Chermorgau Passion Play.

Persons interested in making reservations or arranging special meetings should contact Dr. Freeman.

There is no registration fee for Ministers' Week.

## Northside, Jacksonville, Workers' School

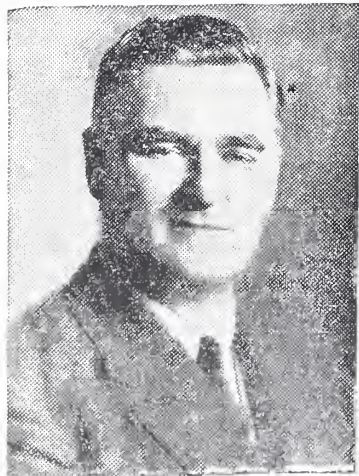
The Rev. Jack Davis of the South Georgia Conference and the Rev. Paul Hartsfield, the Rev. Lee Davidson, the Rev. Jim Compton and Miss Edith Goodwin, all of Jacksonville, were the instructors this year in a Christian Workers' Training School conducted by the churches of North Jacksonville.

This was the 4th year this school has been held and it was its best. Enrollment reached a new high and 90 Recognition Cards were issued.

This School is held in addition to the District Workers' School which is an annual event of large proportions.

## NEGLECT OR DUTY?

In the last two years I have had opportunity, in a series for **Look**, to visit all corners of America. I have seen what once were strong Methodist communities abandoned to the store-front preachers, the fundamentalist sectarians, and the Roman Catholics. Is this a confession by Methodists that only the Roman church and the Bible sects preach a Christianity which the city man can understand? Or is it neglect of duty?



DR. W. D. DAVIES

isters' Week at Emory University, January 18-22, 1960.

Dr. Davies, now Edward Robinson professor of Biblical Theology at Union Theological Seminary,



## Methodism's 175th Anniversary

BALTIMORE, MD.—Clergymen cannot constantly please their congregations and have peace of mind, too, Methodist Bishop Edgar A. Love told a group of young pastors here Monday night (Dec. 28).

"You may preach a spineless, conforming - to - things - as - they are sort of gospel that may not cost you anything," he said. "If you do, you may please the people and have a comfortable existence, but you will not have peace of mind."

Bishop Love, head of the Baltimore Episcopal Area of The Methodist Church's Central Jurisdiction, spoke at a public service marking the 175th anniversary of the official organization of American Methodism.

Some 300 young Methodist pastors from across the country were in the audience at Lovely Lane Church, named for the original meetinghouse here where the denomination was formed at a "Christmas Conference" in 1784.

They were selected to represent the church-at-large at a four-day re-enactment of the founding conference, and to launch a "Decade of Dynamic Discipleship" campaign sponsored by the Methodist Board of Evangelism.

"You may have to suffer for it, but preach the word," Bishop Love urged the young pastors, all

under 35, as were the church's founders.

"Many of us who are older will doubtless agree that we are weakest in our ministry at this point," Bishop Love continued.

"We have found ourselves so occupied by a multiplicity of varied tasks that we have tried to be 'all things to all men.'"

"We have tried to maintain membership and good will with the Rotarians, the Kiwanis, the Lions, the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythians, and the Elks. We have been called to lead civic movements, to speak at high school and college assemblies, to preach baccalaureate sermons, to be in the forefront of church councils and other inter-denominational organizations, to attend countless meetings.

"No one knows better than I that civic organizations are essential to our community well-being. They should have the blessing and support of church leaders. However, it is equally true that the minister of Jesus Christ cannot major in two fields of interest. He must major in one and minor in the other, and there is no question as to which must be the major field of operation.

"The minister must take time to pray, to cultivate his own spiritual life, and prepare to lead his people in high moments of worship. He cannot lead if he does not know the way."

## Dynamic Discipleship

By Harry Denman

In our plans for evangelism in the Decade of Dynamic Discipleship, we are counting heavily on



DR. DENMAN

the laymen of the church. We are thinking primarily of a method which will organize them to give one night per month for the purpose of witnessing to the unchurched about Christ. We know that if we can get 25,000 churches to organize a group of Dynamic Disciples for this purpose, the number of persons received into the membership of The Methodist Church will be doubled.

**But we must do more than secure new members. We must help to create a dynamic concern for persons already in the church.**

This concern must be so vital and real that we will help those who have united with The Methodist Church to grow in Christ-likeness. There are many churches that write to members that if the members do not make a pledge to the budget, their names will be dropped from the roll. This is concern, not for a person, but for a pledge. In fact, letters like that do not even show much concern for a pledge; the postman is asked to do the work of those who are responsible for securing pledges for the budget.

Many church members desire the pastor to have a concern for some persons, not for all persons. We seem to be satisfied that we can erect new buildings, pay our assessments, and support our institutions. We need to arouse our church to have a concern for persons.

One Annual Conference has had a net loss in membership every year for seven years. It has had a net loss of 6,000 persons during those seven years. This Conference lost its concern for persons. They have wonderful church buildings and beautiful carpets, but have lost people.

We must have a dynamic concern for persons, whether they

## "Crusade For Christ" At Boynton Beach



The above group is a part of the 47 new members received into the First Methodist Church of Boynton Beach by the Rev. James R. Roy, pastor, during the past six months. This increase in membership is the result of a "Crusade for Christ," an evangelistic campaign in which the church has been engaged.

First Church also held an "Open House" on Rally Day to celebrate the completion of a new educational building which provides 15 new classrooms.

## NEW YEAR'S WATCH PARTY

New Year's Eve Family Night at Nebraska Avenue, Tampa, was sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild.

During the fellowship hour the Intermediate MYF presented several skits and musical numbers.

Games were under the direction of the Senior Young People.

An inspirational re-dedication service held in the sanctuary was led by Mrs. L. T. Carter, assisted by members of the Guild.



are or are not members of the church, whether they live in the inner or outer city, whether they are rich or poor. This concern must be the same concern that Jesus had. It must be a real concern welling up from hearts full of love, and it must be for all persons. It must be the kind of concern which has its objective not just recruitment for the church, but concern that people have the abundant life, the victorious life, even the eternal life we have in Christ.

We must go forth realizing that each person is a child of God and that Jesus gave His life for each person's redemption. We must realize because of these facts that each person is very valuable, and that in the sight of God all persons are of the same value. We must see persons with the spiritual sight with which Jesus saw them. Then, we will have His concern and His compassion.

If we have lost this spiritual concern for all persons, then are we not lost?

We neither "follow through" on the persons who have evangelistic initiative and come to us, nor go out to seek those who do not seek us.

The concern that we need is that which makes church members have an evangelistic initiative. God has it, Christ has it. The Holy Spirit has it. A real Christian has it.

**We need a revival of repentance — repentance because we have lost our concern. Repentance means sorrow for sin, such regret that it brings about a dedication to live a new life of concern for persons.**

Would not a week of worship services centered around the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper help arouse in us a concern? "Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life . . ." Such a series of services should make the Sacrament more meaningful and also bring new life to many persons.

Many times John Wesley used the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to call sinners to new life in Christ. This is needed in the church today. The founder of Methodism desired to bring new life to a church, not start a new church.

One reason we have lost our concern for persons is that our concern is for things. The very gadgets which release us from drudgery and toil, thus giving us more time that we could use for worship and witness, have made us slaves to them. We do not

## TO SHOW FILM



The Rev. T. Newton Wise of Atlanta, secretary of the American Bible Society, will tell the story of the Society when he addresses the Bible Study Workshops on the use and understanding of the Bible being presented at Leesburg, Dade City, Bartow, Davenport and Kissimmee on January 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, respectively. (Florida Methodist, December 15.)

have time for persons because we are slaves to the gadgets all about us.

We have time for ourselves, but not for our neighbors.

A few days ago I said to a father of three children, "You say to your children every Sunday morning that you do not believe in God, and the church, and the spiritual." He replied, "I do not. I do believe in God, Christ, the church, and the spiritual." I said, "You say you do with your lips, but the way you live does not prove what you say. On Sunday morning you take your car and your boat and go fishing. You take your children with you. Your life says to them that you do not believe in God, Christ, the church, and the spiritual." This he admitted. I said to him, "You say with your life that you desire your children to drink beer." He replied, "I do not want them to drink." But he drinks, and he is a member of our church.

We say with our lips that we have a concern for persons, but our lives too often testify otherwise.

We must have dynamic disciples for evangelism, but they must have more than a method; they must have a concern for persons who need the Christ.

We still ask the question, "How

can the Methodist Church have a concern for persons? What can the Board of Evangelism undertake to create a holy concern among the Methodists for the souls of persons?"

As Methodists, we have evangelistic methods, material, messages, but we need **motivation**. We need a concern for persons.

The Quakers say, "I have a concern."

What is the concern of Christ? It is concern for all persons. This is our heritage as His disciples. It is His commission assigning us to active duty in His service.

## Maas-Waller Wedding

SARASOTA, Dec. 25. (Special)—Miss Virginia May Maas and The Rev. Harry Huchingson Waller were married in a ceremony performed Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 22, in First Methodist Church.

The Rev. Jesse E. Waller, brother of the bridegroom and pastor of First Methodist Church in Clearwater, and The Rev. Floyd W. Cooper of Sarasota officiated.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Struckman of Huntingburg, Ind., was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of Chantilly lace over satin with a matching lace pill-box hat and a veil of illusion, and she carried a Prayer Book topped with white carnations and an orchid.

Harry H. Waller, Jr., of Tampa, son of the bridegroom, was vocalist, and Mrs. Marvin S. Hardin, also of Tampa, and daughter of the bridegroom, was organist.

Mrs. Robert L. Moore, another daughter, served as matron of honor, and another son, Benjamin I. Waller of Silver Springs, was best man. Ushers were The Rev. David R. Newell and The Rev. Claude O. Tucker.

Methodist ministers of the Sarasota District and their wives entertained at a reception in Wesley Fellowship Hall at the church.

Dr. Waller, a graduate of Asbury College and Asbury Theological Seminary, is a member of Kiwanis Club, Masons, Pi Gamma Mu fraternity and is superintendent of Sarasota District of Methodist churches. He is listed in Who's Who in the South and in Who's Who in Methodism.

The bride is a graduate of Protestant Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Evansville, Ind. She served as a nurse in the U. S. Army and on an Indian reservation in Nevada, and for the past three years, has been head nurse in the cardiac division at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

The couple will tour Florida and return to live in Sarasota.

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## PRESIDING OFFICER



Mrs. DAVID J. CATHCART

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church will be held February 16-18 at First Methodist Church, Lexington, Ky.

Attendance is expected to be about 350, including delegates, missionaries, and others.

Among the principal speakers will be Mrs. E. L. Hillman, Rocky Mount, N.C., a former president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., New York City, an executive of the Methodist Board of Missions.

General chairman of the meeting is Mrs. John A. Creech, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at First Methodist Church, Lexington.

**Presiding officer will be Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Lakeland, Fla., president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society.**

Theme of the 20th annual meeting will be "With Thy Church Abide."

Mrs. Dow Hamrick, Ellijay, Ga., is chairman of the program committee, and other committee members are Mrs. William B. Bourne, Brunswick, Ga.; Mrs. O. D. Thomas, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Mrs. Charles M. Henderson, Memphis, Tenn.

The meeting will begin at 4 P.M. Tuesday, February 16, and the closing session will be at 7:45 P.M. Thursday, February 18.

A World Federation dinner is scheduled for 5:30 P.M. Wednesday, February 17, at the Phoenix Hotel.

Headquarters hotel for the meeting will be the Lafayette.

Samuel A. Banks, Jr.,  
To Lecture for Chaplains

Samuel A. Banks, Jr., assistant professor of pastoral care in the Theological School of Drew University, will deliver a series of lectures at the first Retreat for Armed Forces Chaplains and Veterans Administrative Chaplains to be held at Buckhill Falls, Pennsylvania, January 4-7.

The theme of his lectures will be "Theology in a Space Age Universe."

Professor Banks began his duties at Drew during this current academic year. The Drew Theological School is a part of the Drew University complex which also includes a College of Liberal Arts and a Graduate School.

The Central Purpose of the Theological School of Drew University is to prepare men and women for the various vocations within the Christian ministry. These vocations include the pastoral ministry, missionary work at home and abroad, the ministry of Christian education, the teaching of religion and allied subjects in secondary schools and colleges, and such other forms of religious work as require specialized training.

While acknowledging a primary responsibility to the Methodist Church as one of its ten recognized seminaries, the Theological School welcomes students of all denominations. By maintaining its roots in the Wesleyan heritage, the Theological School participates in the life and thought of the ecumenical or "world" Church. In this way the school prepares men and women for service to the whole Church through a particular denominational connection. There are at present 308 students in the Theological School. The total enrollment of the University is 1,000.

Before coming to Drew, Professor Banks was a member of the staff of the Counseling Center of the University of Chicago. He also served as a research assistant of the Federated Theology Faculty and has been a teaching assistant at the Counseling Center. He is currently a candidate for the Ph. D. degree from the University of Chicago, Federated Theology Faculty. His work there was done under Dr. Seward Hiltner, noted leader in the field. His doctoral dissertation is titled: "The Relationship Between the Experience of Clients in Psychotherapy and Changes in Their Values."

A 1949 graduate of Duke University, Professor Banks attended the

Duke University Divinity School and completed his B.D. work at Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, in 1952.

An ordained elder in the Methodist Church, he has held three pastorates: Fair Oaks Methodist, Marietta, Georgia; First Methodist, Naples, Florida; and Community Methodist, Markham, Illinois. He is a member of the Florida Conference.

Professor Banks is a member of Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Eta Sigma, a scholastic honorary, and Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity.

The Banks' have two young children and live on the Drew campus in Madison, New Jersey.

Born in Frostproof, Florida, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Banks, Sr., live at 724 S. Success Avenue, Lakeland, Florida.

## YOUTHFUL ACCENT

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young Agee pointed out that he was neither a car-owner nor an "A" student. But his findings are rather pointed in their lesson.

One swallow doesn't make a spring, and one high school in one state may not be typical. But it makes the whole idea of the correlation of cars and school work worth looking at for any teen-ager whose grades aren't what they might be even if his auto is! Time spent at the wheel can hardly be used for study except in Driver Training Class. Time spent installing the twin exhausts, or lowering the level of gravity to give that under-slung look, could hardly be credited to school work unless one is taking auto mechanics!

I refrain from raising questions of economics as they affect the drain on the parental pocketbook to keep the extra car afloat financially, or the matters related to traffic safety which are such that an unbiased viewpoint must recognize that there are reasons why cold, hard businessmen who set our insurance rates raise the ante when there is a teen-age driver scheduled for spinning the wheels of the family jalopy; or even the question of teen-aged addiction to that adult disease of automobile-dependence which drives the car around the block to avoid walking across the alley. Yes, I refrain from these items of discussion! After all if teen-ager Lance Agee is correct, there may well be some relationship between that car you administer for the loan company, and the fact you "just missed" the honor roll by getting all C's and D's!

I don't answer the questions here, I just raise 'em. Happy motoring, y'all!



# Methodism's Advance

## A Record of the Giving of Methodists in the Florida Conference

RICHARD E. BLANCHARD, *Editor*

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

### I. World Mission Specials

#### A. CUBA

##### 1. BISHOP'S PASTOR'S SALARY SUPPLEMENT FUND

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Port Orange                      | 6.25   |
| Immokalee                        | 13.00  |
| Tampa: Nebraska Avenue           | 100.00 |
| Winter Garden                    | 254.30 |
| Old Town-Cross City Charge       | 25.00  |
| Callahan                         | 16.00  |
| Jacksonville: Epperson           | 25.16  |
| Key West: Salvador               | 10.00  |
| Miami: Tarboux Memorial          | 90.00  |
| Parrish                          | 20.00  |
| Live Oak: First                  | 25.00  |
| Tallahassee: Tallahassee Heights | 16.50  |
| Interlachen: Florahome           | 1.00   |
| Mt. Dora: First                  | 270.00 |
| St. Petersburg: Northside        | 100.00 |
| Grace of Liberty Circuit         | 1.00   |
| Liberty: Bristol                 | .50    |
| Tampa: Seminole Heights          | 100.00 |
| Roseland Methodist               | 10.00  |
| Jacksonville: Swaim              | 135.00 |
| Miami: Wesley                    | 100.00 |
| Orlando: Conrord                 | 5.00   |
| Orlando: Meadowbrook             | 2.50   |
| East Leon Ct.: Chaires           | 3.00   |
| Knights                          | 20.00  |
| Worthington                      | 1.00   |
| Jacksonville: North Shore        | 38.00  |
| Highland City                    | 6.00   |
| Orlando: Holden Heights          | 15.00  |
| Orlando: St. Paul's              | 25.00  |
| Titusville                       | 15.00  |
| St. Petersburg                   | 100.00 |
| Immokalee                        | 12.00  |
| Ft. Ogden                        | 4.00   |
| Tampa: Drew Park                 | 5.00   |
| Tampa                            | 100.00 |
| Park Temple                      | 272.50 |
| Tallahassee: St. Paul's          | 45.00  |
| Bushnell Methodist               | 5.00   |
| Co'eman: Panasoffkee             | 10.00  |
| Davie                            | 37.50  |
| DeLand: Trinity                  | 270.00 |
| DeLand: Trinity                  | 270.00 |
| Tallahassee: Heights             | 16.50  |
| Brandon                          | 5.00   |
| Shady Grove Ct.: Lake Bird       | 2.00   |

##### BISHOP'S REPAIR FUND

##### BISHOP'S PIONEER FUND

##### BISHOP'S EMERGENCY FUND

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| White Springs          | 2.00  |
| Columbia Ct.: Siloam   | 5.00  |
| Coleman                | 5.00  |
| Columbia: Columbia     | 5.00  |
| Branford               | 5.00  |
| Tampa: Highland Avenue | 35.00 |
| Middleburg             | 25.00 |

##### SEMINARY BUILDING FUND

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Melbourne: First | 55.00 |
| Melbourne: First | 55.00 |

##### SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND (at \$600 each)

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Miami: Coral Gables First | 59.00  |
| Daytona Beach: Community  | 50.00  |
| Jacksonville: Wesley Mem. | 100.00 |
| Coral Gables: First       | 50.00  |

##### PRE-SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Lakeland: College Heights | 90.00 |
| Lakeland: College Heights | 90.00 |

##### CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE AND PUBLISHING FUND

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Clearwater: Friendship | 10.00 |
|------------------------|-------|

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Tarpon Springs         | 20.78 |
| Clearwater: Friendship | 10.00 |
| Fellsmere              | 5.00  |

##### AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Jacksonville: First          | 5.00    |
| Jacksonville: Murray Hill    | 100.00  |
| Jacksonville: Murray Hill    | 1080.00 |
| Sarasota: First              | 100.00  |
| Fort Myers: Wesley Mem.      | 60.00   |
| Jacksonville: First          | 5.00    |
| Hastings: Reverdale          | 2.00    |
| Ft. Lauderdale: St. Andrew's | 50.00   |
| Lakeland: First              | 50.00   |
| Lee Ct.: Hickory Grove       | 8.34    |

##### SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Palatka: St. James              | 5.00   |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Mem.       | 140.00 |
| Mt. Dora: First                 | 87.50  |
| Orlando: College Park           | 184.00 |
| Park Temple                     | 60.00  |
| Gainesville: First              | 100.00 |
| Jacksonville: Riverview         | 40.00  |
| Daytona Beach: Community        | 50.00  |
| Jacksonville: Southside Estates | 25.00  |
| Palatka: St. James              | 10.00  |
| Apopka: First                   | 50.00  |
| Dinsmore                        | 100.00 |
| Dinsmore                        | 60.00  |
| Orlando: College Park           | 26.60  |
| Jacksonville: Riverview         | 40.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Dunedin         | 38.00  |
| Largo                           | 225.00 |
| New Port Rishey                 | 47.00  |
| Bradenton                       | 60.00  |
| Lakeland: First                 | 100.00 |

##### CUBAN MISSIONARIES' SALARIES

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Coral Gables: First       | 450.00  |
| Orlando: Broadway         | 200.00  |
| T. H. Slade, Starke       | 200.00  |
| Coral Gables: First       | 450.00  |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Mem. | 100.00  |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Mem. | 100.00  |
| St. Petersburg: First     | 250.00  |
| Tampa: Trinity            | 100.00  |
| T. H. Slade, Starke       | 200.00  |
| Coral Gables: First       | 450.00  |
| St. Petersburg: First     | 250.00  |
| Clearwater: First         | 1000.00 |
| Tampa: Trinity            | 100.00  |
| Tampa: Manhattan Ave.     | 75.00   |
| Tampa: Palma Ceia         | 200.00  |

##### CUBAN MISSIONARIES' WORK FUND

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Jacksonville: Lakewood    | 5.00    |
| Bartow: First             | 100.00  |
| Groveland                 | 32.00   |
| Key West: Ley Memorial    | 25.00   |
| Coral Gables              | 40.00   |
| Orlando: First            | 1.50    |
| Belle Glade: Community    | 100.00  |
| Ft. Pierce: First         | 10.00   |
| Jacksonville: First       | 10.00   |
| Bartow: First             | 200.00  |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Mem. | 1400.00 |
| Orlando: Reeves Mem.      | 20.00   |
| St. Petersburg: Seminole  | 30.00   |
| Lake Wales: First         | 11.00   |
| Miami: Allapattah         | 50.00   |
| Miami: Rader Mem.         | 25.00   |
| Winter Garden: First      | 65.00   |
| St. Petersburg: Anona     | 10.00   |
| Woodville: Wakulla        | 2.00    |
| Woodville: Woodville      | 2.00    |
| Lake Worth: Calvary       | 25.00   |
| Lake Worth: Calvary       | 12.50   |
| Pahokee: First            | 10.00   |
| Bellevue                  | 12.00   |
| Hutto Chapel-Yulee        | 25.00   |
| Lake Wales                | 5.00    |
| Winter Haven Beymer Mem.  | 25.00   |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Mem. | 30.00   |

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Zephyrhills                     | 48.00  |
| Miami: Coral Gables, First      | 40.00  |
| Orlando: Pine Castle            | 8.60   |
| Orlando: Pine Castle            | 37.82  |
| St. Petersburg: Anona           | 5.00   |
| St. Petersburg: Anona           | 5.00   |
| Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple     | 15.00  |
| Fernandina Beach                | 35.00  |
| Dade City                       | 100.00 |
| Lakeland: College Heights       | 20.00  |
| Leesburg: Morrison Mem.         | 50.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Clearview       | 29.25  |
| St. Petersburg: First           | 60.00  |
| St. Petersburg: First           | 100.00 |
| Brandon                         | 15.00  |
| Tampa: Highland Avenue          | 17.00  |
| Lakeland: Wesley Mem.           | 58.00  |
| Dade City: First                | 100.00 |
| Homestead: First                | 15.00  |
| Homestead: First                | 15.00  |
| Homestead: First                | 10.00  |
| Coral Gables                    | 40.00  |
| St. Petersburg: First           | 60.00  |
| Orlando: Pinecastle             | 17.80  |
| Anona                           | 10.00  |
| Anona                           | 5.00   |
| West Madison Ct.: Rocky Springs | 1.50   |
| Perry: First                    | 21.67  |
| Jacksonville: First             | 10.00  |
| Jacksonville: First             | 20.70  |
| Jacksonville: Lakewood          | 15.00  |
| Jacksonville: Lakewood          | 44.25  |
| Jacksonville: Peeler Mem.       | 30.00  |
| Bartow: Asbury                  | 10.00  |
| Groveland: Edge Mem.            | 5.00   |
| Groveland: Edge Mem.            | 5.00   |
| Orlando: First                  | 1.75   |
| Orlando: First                  | 1.06   |
| Sanford: First                  | 18.75  |
| Sanford: First                  | 10.00  |
| Winter Garden: First            | 34.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Seminole        | 30.00  |
| Taonotosassa                    | 15.65  |
| Ft. Pierce: First               | 5.00   |
| Miami: Southwest                | 50.00  |
| Eustis                          | 11.91  |
| Orlando: Reeves Mem.            | 76.00  |
| Largo                           | 15.00  |
| Pahokee                         | 25.00  |
| Anona                           | 5.00   |

##### CUBAN NATIONAL PASTORS' SALARIES

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Key West: Ley Memorial       | 300.00  |
| Miami: Coral Gables First    | 80.00   |
| DeLand: First                | 100.00  |
| Miami: Coral Gables First    | 80.00   |
| Orlando: College Park        | 100.00  |
| Ft. Lauderdale: First        | 45.00   |
| Jacksonville Beach           | 100.00  |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Mem.    | 100.00  |
| Miami: Hialeah First         | 50.00   |
| Orlando: Reeves Memorial     | 100.00  |
| Tampa: Tampa Heights         | 120.00  |
| Lakeland: First              | 100.00  |
| Starke                       | 50.00   |
| Miami: Christ                | 40.03   |
| Miami: Christ                | 25.00   |
| Miami: Coral Gables First    | 120.00  |
| Miami: Coral Gables First    | 80.00   |
| Miami: Coral Gables First    | 80.00   |
| DeLand: First                | 100.00  |
| Orlando: College Park        | 100.00  |
| Sarasota: First              | 57.00   |
| Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple  | 300.00  |
| W. Palm Beach: Northwood     | 100.00  |
| Lakeland: First              | 100.00  |
| Jacksonville: Riverside Park | 10.00   |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Mem.    | 100.00  |
| Tampa: Tampa Heights         | 120.00  |
| Daytona Beach: Community     | 50.00   |
| Powling Green                | 75.00   |
| Melbourne: First             | 100.00  |
| Starke: First                | 50.00   |
| Coral Gables: F first        | 80.00   |
| Coral Gables: F first        | 80.00   |
| Melbourne: First             | 100.00  |
| W. Palm Beach: First         | 100.00  |
| Ft. Pierce: First            | 1800.00 |



# Christ and his Church

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Sarasota: First .....      | 423.50 |
| Lakeland: Trinity .....    | 40.00  |
| Orlando: Reeves Me m. .... | 100.00 |
| Winter Park .....          | 400.06 |

## CUBAN NATIONAL PASTORS' WORK FUND

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Miami: Coral Gables First ..... | 67.00  |
| Miami: Coral Gables First ..... | 67.00  |
| Miami: Trinity .....            | 30.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Seminole .....  | 20.00  |
| Winter Garden: First .....      | 20.00  |
| Miami: Coral Gables First ..... | 67.06  |
| Miami: Coral Gables First ..... | 67.00  |
| Williston: First .....          | 50.00  |
| Tarpon Springs .....            | 70.00  |
| Jacksonville: Spring Glen ..... | 6.00   |
| Coral Gables: First .....       | 67.00  |
| Coral Gables: First .....       | 67.00  |
| Ft. Pierce: First .....         | 700.00 |
| DeLand: Trinity .....           | 30.00  |
| DeLand: Trinity .....           | 30.00  |

## OTHER ADVANCE SPECIALS TO CUBA (Including building parsonages, chapels, churches)

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Dist. at Large .....                  | 110.00  |
| Jacksonville: Avondale .....          | 150.00  |
| Jacksonville: Riverview .....         | 5.00    |
| Bartow: First .....                   | 100.00  |
| Dania .....                           | 15.00   |
| Dania .....                           | 10.00   |
| Dania .....                           | 10.00   |
| Dania .....                           | 20.00   |
| Miami: Coral Gables First .....       | 20.00   |
| Miami: Coral Gables First .....       | 50.00   |
| Miami: Coral Gables First .....       | 20.00   |
| Miami: Coral Gables First .....       | 200.00  |
| Miami: Coral Gables First .....       | 180.00  |
| Ft. Myers: First .....                | 50.00   |
| Plant City: Trinity .....             | 15.00   |
| Ft. Lauderdale: First .....           | 9.00    |
| High Springs .....                    | 37.50   |
| Jacksonville: First .....             | 18.00   |
| Jacksonville: First .....             | 13.00   |
| Jacksonville: First .....             | 1500.00 |
| Lakeland: First .....                 | 600.00  |
| Miami: Floral Park .....              | 32.00   |
| St. Petersburg: Hernando .....        | 25.00   |
| St. Petersburg: Christ .....          | 11.62   |
| St. Petersburg: Christ .....          | 296.38  |
| Miami: Allapattah .....               | 15.00   |
| Orlando: Concord .....                | 5.00    |
| St. Petersburg: Northside .....       | 5.00    |
| Jacksonville: Lake Shore .....        | 50.00   |
| Jacksonville: Ortega .....            | 20.00   |
| Jacksonville: Southside Estates ..... | 25.00   |
| Davenport .....                       | 5.00    |
| Dundee .....                          | 11.00   |
| Haines City .....                     | 22.00   |
| Lake Alfred .....                     | 5.00    |
| Winter Haven: Trinity .....           | 20.00   |
| Dania .....                           | 6.00    |
| Daytona Beach: Community .....        | 50.00   |
| Ft. Myers: First .....                | 50.00   |
| Tampa: Highland Ave. ....             | 25.00   |
| Riviera Beach .....                   | 105.99  |
| W. Palm Beach: First .....            | 50.00   |
| W. Palm Beach: First .....            | 100.00  |
| Auburndale: First .....               | 50.00   |
| Haines City: First .....              | 30.00   |
| Miami: White Temple .....             | 23.49   |
| Coral Gables: First .....             | 20.00   |
| Coral Gables: First .....             | 20.00   |
| Plant City: First .....               | 25.00   |
| W. Palm Beach: First .....            | 50.00   |
| Winter Garden .....                   | 1000.00 |
| Jacksonville: First .....             | 33.00   |
| Jacksonville: First .....             | 53.00   |
| Oxford .....                          | 8.00    |
| Sanford: First .....                  | 15.00   |
| Ft. Lauderdale: First .....           | 8.00    |
| Jacksonville: Swaim Mem. ....         | 25.00   |
| Miami: White Temple .....             | 250.00  |
| Haines City .....                     | 30.00   |
| Hernando .....                        | 15.00   |
| Lake City .....                       | 60.00   |
| Knights .....                         | 20.00   |
| Avondale .....                        | 56.00   |
| Miami: Coral Gables First .....       | 20.00   |
| Miami: Coral Gables First .....       | 20.00   |
| Hernando .....                        | 35.00   |

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| Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple .... | 90.00 |
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## B. ABROAD (Other Than Cuba)

### MISSIONARIES' SALARIES

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Miami: Coral Gables First .....  | 100.00  |
| Miami: Coral Gables First .....  | 100.00  |
| Miami: Bryan Mem. ....           | 62.50   |
| Miami: Bryan Mem. ....           | 62.50   |
| St. Petersburg: Christ .....     | 1522.10 |
| Orlando: First .....             | 500.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Christ ..        | 246.00  |
| Tampa: Trinity .....             | 100.00  |
| Starke: First .....              | 100.06  |
| Lakeland: College Heights .....  | 600.00  |
| Coral Gables: First .....        | 100.00  |
| Coral Gables: First .....        | 100.00  |
| Lakeland: College Heights .....  | 600.00  |
| Miami: Coral Gables First .....  | 100.00  |
| Miami: Coral Gables First .....  | 100.06  |
| Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple .... | 250.06  |
| Oviedo: First .....              | 3000.00 |
| W. Palm Beach: Northwood ....    | 250.00  |

### MISSIONARIES' WORK FUND

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Jacksonville: Livingston .....      | 69.00  |
| Middleburg .....                    | 15.00  |
| Jacksonville: Riverview .....       | 20.00  |
| Leesburg: Morrison Mem. ....        | 50.00  |
| Winter Haven: Beymer .....          | 42.19  |
| Orlando: Christ .....               | 25.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Childs Park .....   | 10.00  |
| St. Petersburg: St. Marks .....     | 10.00  |
| Eau Gallie: St. Paul's .....        | 35.00  |
| Ft. Pierce: Community .....         | 10.00  |
| Oakland Park .....                  | 30.00  |
| Apalachicola: First .....           | 40.00  |
| Oakland Park .....                  | 10.00  |
| Micanopy .....                      | 25.00  |
| Jacksonville: First .....           | 53.00  |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial ..... | 100.00 |
| Orlando: Goss Memorial .....        | 50.00  |
| Eustis: First .....                 | 23.56  |
| Lake Worth: Calvary .....           | 25.00  |
| Jasper .....                        | 25.00  |
| Lake Worth: Calvary .....           | 25.00  |
| Lake Worth: Calvary .....           | 100.00 |
| Lake Worth: Calvary .....           | 12.50  |
| Lake Worth: Calvary .....           | 12.50  |
| Lake Worth: Calvary .....           | 12.50  |
| Roseland .....                      | 20.00  |
| Gainesville: First .....            | 100.00 |
| Gainesville: First .....            | 100.00 |
| Fernandina Beach .....              | 35.00  |
| Jacksonville: Anderson Mem. ....    | 32.00  |
| Daytona Beach: Community .....      | 35.00  |
| Orlando: Goss Memorial .....        | 50.00  |
| Largo: Calvary .....                | 5.00   |
| St. Petersburg: Clearview .....     | 27.05  |
| Bethel Ct.: Bethel .....            | 2.00   |
| Ft. White: Mt. Taboe ..NNNN.        | 2.00   |
| Tampa: Highland Ave. ....           | 3.00   |
| Tampa: Highland Ave. ....           | 12.50  |
| Eau Gallie: .....                   | 35.00  |
| Melbourne: First .....              | 25.00  |
| Melbourne: First .....              | 41.00  |
| Chiefland .....                     | 5.00   |
| Fernando Beach .....                | 10.00  |
| Groveland: Edge Memorial .....      | 20.00  |
| Homestead: First .....              | 20.00  |
| Homestead: First .....              | 15.00  |
| Orlando: Pinecastle .....           | 7.65   |
| Cocoa Beach: First .....            | 45.50  |
| Oviedo: First .....                 | 20.00  |
| Inverness .....                     | 12.50  |
| Sarasota: First .....               | 30.00  |
| Immokalee .....                     | 13.00  |
| Plant City: First .....             | 25.00  |
| Keystone .....                      | 50.00  |
| Melbourne: First .....              | 25.00  |
| Melbourne: First .....              | 41.00  |
| Stuart .....                        | 50.00  |
| Alachua .....                       | 50.00  |
| Chiefland .....                     | 5.00   |
| Jacksonville: Lakewood .....        | 5.00   |
| Groveland: Edge Memorial .....      | 5.00   |
| Groveland: Edge Memorial .....      | 5.00   |
| Aponka: First .....                 | 50.00  |
| Lockhart .....                      | 28.75  |

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| Orlando: First .....                | 25.00  |
| Dunedin .....                       | 25.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Grace .....         | 50.00  |
| Lake Worth: Calvary .....           | 50.00  |
| Vero Beach .....                    | 100.00 |
| Jacksonville: First .....           | 46.00  |
| Crescent City: Howe Mem. ....       | 25.00  |
| Jacksonville: Swaim Mem. ....       | 25.00  |
| Jacksonville: Swaim Mem. ....       | 25.00  |
| Miami: Palm Springs .....           | 50.00  |
| Orlando: Pinecastle .....           | 10.00  |
| Dunedin Church .....                | 15.00  |
| Monticello .....                    | 10.00  |
| W. Madison Ct.: Shiloh .....        | 2.00   |
| Pahokee .....                       | 25.00  |
| Vero Beach: First .....             | 25.06  |
| Bellevue .....                      | 25.00  |
| Hastings .....                      | 40.00  |
| Hutto Chapel: Yulee .....           | 25.00  |
| North Shore .....                   | 63.00  |
| North Shore .....                   | 63.00  |
| Alturas .....                       | 10.00  |
| Wildwood .....                      | 25.00  |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial ..... | 56.06  |
| Zephyrhills .....                   | 25.00  |
| Zephyrhills .....                   | 25.00  |
| Silver Palm .....                   | 500.00 |
| Silver Palm .....                   | 500.00 |
| Silver Palm .....                   | 250.00 |
| Silver Palm .....                   | 250.00 |
| Orlando: College Park .....         | 20.00  |
| Orlando: Pine Castle .....          | 12.50  |
| Orlando: Pine Castle .....          | 37.82  |
| Ormond Beach .....                  | 42.75  |
| St. Petersburg: Pasadena Com. ....  | 250.00 |
| Avon Park .....                     | 10.00  |
| Avon Park .....                     | 20.00  |
| Immokalee .....                     | 12.00  |
| Pompano Beach: First .....          | 15.00  |
| W. Palm Beach: First .....          | 100.00 |
| Jacksonville: First .....           | 46.00  |

### NATIONAL PASTORS' SALARIES

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| Bradenton: Trinity ..... | 15.00 |
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### OTHER ADVANCE SPECIALS ABROAD

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| Ellzey-Otter Creek .....       | 2.00   |
| Williston .....                | 50.00  |
| Anthony .....                  | 6.00   |
| Dist. at Large .....           | 110.00 |
| Jacksonville: Lakewood .....   | 5.00   |
| Jacksonville: Lakewood .....   | 30.00  |
| Jacksonville: Lakewood .....   | 33.00  |
| Jacksonville: Riverview .....  | 10.00  |
| Lake Alfred: First .....       | 23.00  |
| Lake Alfred: First .....       | 10.00  |
| Kissimmee .....                | 10.00  |
| Kissimmee .....                | 60.00  |
| Key West: Fleming .....        | 50.00  |
| Orlando: Christ .....          | 32.36  |
| Orlando: College Park .....    | 20.00  |
| Safety Harbor .....            | 28.86  |
| Ft. Myers: Tice .....          | 10.00  |
| Parrish .....                  | 15.00  |
| Plant City: Trinity .....      | 25.00  |
| Springhead .....               | 50.00  |
| DeLand: Trinity .....          | 25.00  |
| Orlando: Goss Memorial .....   | 35.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Christ .....   | 305.00 |
| St. Petersburg: Grace .....    | 100.00 |
| W. Palm Beach: Grace .....     | 10.00  |
| W. Palm Beach: Grace .....     | 10.00  |
| Gainesville: First .....       | 153.72 |
| Starke .....                   | 300.00 |
| Starke .....                   | 100.00 |
| Jacksonville: Avondale .....   | 10.00  |
| Orlando: Concord .....         | 5.00   |
| Orlando: Concord .....         | 5.00   |
| Clearwater .....               | 25.00  |
| Belmont Park .....             | 25.00  |
| Lake Lindsey: New Hope .....   | 10.00  |
| Plant City: Trinity .....      | 5.00   |
| Boynton Beach .....            | 153.72 |
| Lake Worth: Calvary .....      | 200.00 |
| Gainesville: First .....       | 50.00  |
| St. Augustine: Grace .....     | 50.00  |
| Garden City .....              | 25.00  |
| Daytona Beach: Community ..... | 40.00  |
| Daytona Beach: Community ..... | 25.00  |



# Woman's Society of Christian Service

## and Wesleyan Service Guild

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Conference President  
Sebring, Florida

Mrs. A. M. Elder, Chairman  
Public Relations Committee  
4130 Oxford Avenue  
Jacksonville 10, Florida

**A NEW YEAR'S GREETING** — From THE PRESIDENT of the Florida Conference Woman's Society—Mrs. Howard V. Weems—**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** As we begin the year 1960, may we remember that it is only five months until we shall begin another **NEW YEAR**: yea, another **NEW QUADRENNIUM!**

Realizing that "Father Time" is almost ready to gather the four years harvest of "The Spirit of Christ for All of Life," may we re-evaluate ourselves, our efforts, our failures, our opportunities that we may re-double our determination and activities in all phases of life for total enlistment of self, to influence others in the on-going Kingdom of God.

My New Year's prayer for you is that our Father will richly bless, and make you a blessing in His service.

—Lovingly, Vail J. Weems

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS:

—Have you been thinking of new resolves for this new year, which holds so much promise for each one? How about including some concerning the Woman's Society? May we suggest a few — **First**, To increase our Prayer Life, that we may go forth to meet each new day "In quietness and confidence." To be a part of The Fellowship of Intercession, To use the Prayer Calendar, remembering those who represent us in fields of service around the world. **Second**, Let us invite someone new to attend the General meeting. **Third**, Promote attendance at the General meeting in our circle and to friends in other circles. **Fourth**, If an officer or secretary, of lines of work, to be present at every Executive Committee meeting called by the President. **Fifth**, Assist the Sec. of Missionary Education and Service in the promotion of study classes and urge the women to be informed on the work of The Woman's Division. **Sixth**, Work with the chairman of Local Church Activities to see that there are Fellowship activities in the Woman's Society and The Wesleyan Service Guild, striving to make the members



MRS. H. V. WEEMS

aware of their responsibilities to the Local church. **Seventh**, To do our best to interest women of all ages in the program and work, so that our Society and Guilds will be 100%.

**TIME**—What is it? How do you define it? For us in the Methodist Church we will think in terms of the present Quadrennium (a period of four years), which is fast coming to an end. Have we accomplished the many ambitions and goals which were set or us in the year 1956 by The Woman's Division? In the Dec. 1959 **METHODIST WOMAN**, we are reminded of the Financial goal of \$10,000,000 on appropriations. We have not quite reached it. "**MY WORLD BANK**" is a quadrennial plan for financial promotion. The offerings from these banks are over and above our pledge. It gives one the opportunity to share with others in fuller measure. How long will YOUR money orbit? To maintain the work—32c will carry you for just one second—\$19.20 for one minute and \$96.60 for five minutes. Many individuals will not be able financially to "orbit" far in this manner, but collectively may go a long way. Many Districts are planning to light and burn candles

at their Annual Meetings in March for the amount of money representing **TIME** at the end of the third quarter from "**THE WORLD BANKS**." Let us pause for several minutes and pray that each and every woman may have a larger share in the work of the Woman's Division by achieving the seven goals in using "**MY WORLD BANK**."

We have received announcement of the following dates for the S. E. Jurisdiction Annual meeting, in Lexington, Ky. — February 16-18, 1960.

Opening session 4 P.M. Tuesday, Feb. 16th — Closing 7:45 P.M. Thursday, Feb. 18th. The President, Mrs. David J. Cathcart, requests all to remain throughout the meeting. Lafayette Hotel, Lexington, Ky. will be headquarters. First Methodist Church the meeting place. Registration begins 1:00 P.M. Tuesday on the mezzanine of the Lafayette Hotel. The Deaconess Assn. will convene Monday, Feb. 15th and continue through Tuesday morning. All visitors will be welcome and should make their own reservations. It would be a fine thing if there would be a large delegation from Florida attending this meeting to honor our beloved Betty Cathcart for her fine service as President of the S. E. Jurisdiction these four years. The delegates to this meeting are:—Mrs. H. V. Weems; Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy; Mrs. J. Withers Blake; Mrs. David R. Thurman; Mrs. Virgil Morgan; Mrs. Robert E. Lassiter; Alternates:—Mrs. Allen Watson and Mrs. Paul Stewart.

Mrs. J. Withers Blake, Fla. Conference Sec. of Spiritual Life has received an invitation from The South Georgia Conference Woman's Society to the Women of The Fla. Conference Woman's Society to attend a "**RETREAT**" at **EPWORTH** — by the SEA, March 8. The Retreat will open with luncheon on Tuesday, March 8 and close the next day at the same time. Mrs. Arthur Moore will be the guest speaker and a deep religious experience will be gained by all attending. All reservations will be made on an individual basis—each person making their own—if interested,



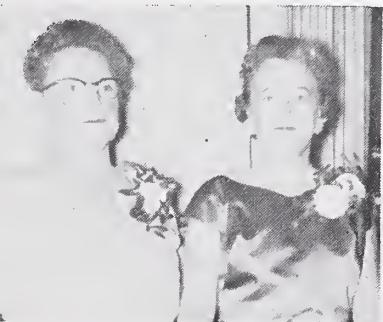
make reservation with The Rev. Frank Nalls, Box 338 St. Simons Island, Ga. **RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY MARCH 4TH.** Rates range in price—Single, \$4.00 per day, Double, \$6.00 in Asbury Lodge, Aldersgate Village and Wesley Hall, all with private bath. Rooms with connecting bath in the Court and Wesley Hall are: Single, \$3.00; Double, \$4.00. Price of Meals—Breakfast 75c; Lunch \$1.25; Supper \$1.25. Grounds fee—50c per day. Let many of us accept this invitation to "RE-TREAT" with our neighbors.

**NEWS WITH THE DISTRICTS:**  
—**TAMPA**—Mrs. Bruce Moeller reporting; The Annual Christmas



Mrs. Grady R. Swope, Mrs. Allen Watson and Mrs. Raymond S. White.

Coffee given each year by The Tampa Settlements Board was held Dec. 4th at Wolff Settlement. "The Coffee" is given for the benefit of Rosa Valdez and Wolff Settlement. Proceeds this year exceeded \$400.00 and will be used to refurbish and decorate a game room and purchase kindergarten chairs at Rosa Valdez, and to re-decorate and furnish a small club room at Wolff. The Settlements are the special assignments of The Tampa and St. Petersburg Districts. There were approximately 427 women in attendance who came from most every area of the two Districts. Mrs. George Burke, Dist. Sec. of Supply Work was general chairman for this beautiful holiday affair, was assisted by Mrs. Jane Anderson, as co-chairman. Mrs. Jack Holmes was in charge of decorations. Those receiving the guests were



Mrs. B. F. Shaw and Miss Cleo Barber.

Miss Dortha Reid, Head Resident of Rosa Valdez; Mrs. Cleo Barber, Head Resident of Wolff; Mrs. B. F. Shaw, Pres. of the Board, Mrs. Allen Watson, Wildwood; Mrs. Raymond S. White, Pres. of Tampa District, and Mrs. Grady R. Swope, Pres. of the St. Petersburg District. Pouring coffee were Mrs. M. C. Cleveland, and Mrs. Hoyt Tatum of St. Petersburg, Mrs. W. S. Bozeman, Mrs. R. L. Allen, Mrs. E. A. Dunn and Mrs. J. Withers Blake all of Tampa. Members of the Settlement Staffs, Board Members and many other volunteers helped in various ways during the three-hour period.

The Rev. Miss Sara Fernandez, a missionary and Director of Methodist Mission Work at Omaja, Oriente, Cuba, is on furlough of four months and is spending the time in the Tampa area. She has been itinerating throughout the area and the State for the past three months and will be returning to Cuba early in the new year.



**"The toughest problem some children face is that of learning good manners without seeing any."**

**THE HIGHLAND AVE.** Woman's Society observed the Quiet Day of the Week of Prayer in a most effective manner. The Sec. of Spiritual Life, Mrs. J. Milton Ivey arranged an inspirational worship center, using a picture of Christ in the Garden praying and a display suspended on a green background showing the areas that would be recipients of the Week of Prayer Offering. Mrs. Ivey had made recordings of organ music, meditations, using the Quiet Day materials and prayers. Members came at any time, for the two-hour period, to meditate, pray and leave an offering on the altar. A great spiritual blessing was received in quietness of prayer by those who attended.

**LAKELAND DISTRICT:** — Mrs. S. Lloyd Frisbie sends to us some 'Echoes' from the Lakeland District Annual Conference held Dec. 8 in Beyer Memorial Methodist Church, Winter Haven, when the Lakeland District Woman's Society President, Mrs. Earle Rabb,

made her report to the Conference on the Woman's Work. She told that in June, 1956 there were 3,300 members and they had given \$22,935 to the Conference Woman's Society. Today, after three years they have 3,806 members and sent \$28,472 to the Conference Treasurer. They now have 48 Societies (five new ones) with only one church unorganized. The Lakeland District entertained 60-70 candidates for Christian Vocations, with a dinner on Dec. 28th in the College Heights Church, Lakeland. Mrs. Frisbie closes her remarks with this Christmas wish, which could well apply to the New Year. "Peace in heart, home and nation; Hope in each trying situation, Joy that comes through loving deeds, Prosperity to meet your needs, Happiness to share each hour, Faith in God's sustaining power, Health of body, mind and soul, Serenity, poise and self-control, The Spirit of Christ all your life through—This is my wish for you, and you and you." Some excerpts from The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Morrell Robinson, our missionaries in Mayari, Cuba, who were itinerating throughout Florida during December, guest of the Annual District Conferences. Mr. Robinson is from The First Methodist Church in Jacksonville and his wife from First Methodist Church, Clearwater. Mrs. Robinson is the nurse in charge of the Churchwell Clinic for children. She told there are over 10,000 consultations held each year. About 90% of cases interviewed would be preventable if proper food and hygiene were available. Parasites and malnutrition cause most of the trouble. Assisting in the clinic are a Cuban doctor and eight girls who were trained in the clinic. Some later go to nursing schools. One girl has gone into another community to start a new clinic. Medications and supplies are furnished free of charge to the people, who are desperately poor. They are purchased with Advance Specials. Supplies were very limited while the war was in progress, and the people did not come to the clinic, but later they came in even larger numbers. When fighting was close to Mayari, a 10-bed hospital unit was set up with the aid of the Red Cross. The new government has set up welfare agencies and an effort is being made for the first time, to help the poor. Cleanliness is being emphasized and infant mortality has been cut from 20% to 5%. Medical help opens the way for religious teaching. The big problem is education, teaching mothers to care for their children. "Revolution" is the principal word in Cuba today. Those who have suffered are the ones



who want change. There has never been so great an opportunity for Christian missions in Cuba. The rural masses are awakening to the niceties of life. They want land, a better life and education for their children. They believe there is hope in the new government. The middle classes are looking for a new faith. They admire the Americans greatly, no matter what the stories differing may be. They have been disappointed in their native church which is dedicated to selfish ends. Methodist churches established there are assuming more and more of their own responsibility and are establishing churches in rural areas. The Methodist church is the only church that goes from one end of the island to the other.

#### JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT:

Mrs. R. E. Perkins, Jacksonville District Pres. was well received when she gave her report to the Annual District Conference Dec. 1st. There were 210 new members reported the first report period with two new Societies organized. One in the new church at Mariette, which was a mission sponsored by the Lake Shore Church and the other one was Christ Methodist Church, Neptune Beach. The Jacksonville District is 100% organized. It was a proud day for the Jacksonville District when Bishop Moore Commissioned The Richard Petrys to missionary service. Mr. and Mrs. Petry were serving the Westconnett Church and Mrs. Petry was the Sec. of Spiritual Life for the Woman's Society.

Mrs. John W. Fambrough, Jr., Sec. of Public Relations for the Riverside Park Methodist Church sends to us an account of the beautiful Christmas program given at the general meeting of the Society. The program was given in the Sanctuary of the Church and was given in a tableau scene with Dr. R. Jackson Downey portraying Joseph, Mrs. Downey as Mary and Mrs. G. Terry and Mrs. C. E. Stoudemire, Jr., as Angels. The program opened with an organ prelude by Mr. Robert Hoffelt, Minister of Music. A solo, "Jesu Bambino" was sung by Mrs. Charles Bradfield. Christmas stories, "Song from Heaven," "The Christmas Story from the Scriptures" and "Christmas Candles," were interspersed with the singing of carols by the Choral Group comprised of Mrs. A. G. Skinner, Mrs. R. N. Slinger, Mrs. Charles Bradfield, Mrs. Jack Snowberger, Mrs. W. Hugh Mathews and Mrs. Stanton Green. Narrators were Mrs. R. L. Simpson and Mrs. Hugh McIlwain. The

entire assemblage joined in singing "Joy to the World." Mrs. W. E. Flowers gave the benediction. The program was planned by and under the direction of Mrs. Alton A. Coward, vice president. The Jacksonville District Woman's Society was hostess for the first Christmas Tea, to be given at Brewster Methodist Hospital, Dec. 10th. Mrs. Howard V. Weems, Fla. Conference President was a special guest and was in the receiving line with Mrs. Ralph Perkins and other District officers. Tea tables were arranged by The First Methodist Woman's Society, Mrs. Jefferson Carey, Pres. and The Peeler Memorial Woman's Society, Mrs. Kenneth Scruggs, Pres. The tea was held in the basement of the new unit and was decorated with Christmas green and a beautifully lighted Christmas tree around which were gifts for the student nurses in training at the Brewster-Duval County School of Nursing. The nurses presented a chorus of Christmas music and Shadow pictures depicting the Christmas story under the direction of Miss Avis Wallace. Mrs. E. E. Wood, Dist. Sec. of Supply Work was the general chairman for the affair. Over 250 guests called during the hours.

**GAINESVILLE DISTRICT:** Mrs. Maxie Lowe, President of the District has written a poem very appropriate to the ending of the second report period of the Societies and we quote it for you.

'Tis close to report time,  
And all through the District  
Local officers are hustling—we  
hope,  
The period's good works to depict.

The District officers are fully  
aware,  
Of the hard work each local has  
done;  
And deeply appreciative of every  
last bit,  
Record every item with careful  
attention.

As the 25th draws nearer and  
nearer,  
Each District officer is anxiously  
waiting,  
Surely THIS PERIOD, she thinks,  
our goal we'll attain;  
All reports in the 25th, the time  
we keep stating.

#### NOTICE

"Those desiring guest tickets for the 1960 General Conference, to be held in Denver, April 27-May 11, should send requests to: The Rev. J. Otis Young, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois."

## Asbury Memorial Cottage Opened in England

A prophet was truly honored in his own land when the cottage boyhood home of Bishop Francis Asbury was officially re-opened Nov. 27 in the suburb of Birmingham, England. Sir Roger Makins, former British ambassador to the United States, paid tribute to Asbury as a "man of deep faith, great abilities and immense courage." The Rev. Dr. Harold Roberts, president of the World Methodist Council, headed a group of its representatives at the ceremony. Bishop Fred P. Corson of Philadelphia, vice president of the council, announced the gift of a chair in which Bishop Asbury presided over conferences in Philadelphia, and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, past president, presented a check from American Methodists to be applied toward the cost of furnishing the four-room cottage in 18th Century style.

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Board of Lay Activities  
To Stay in Chicago Area

CHICAGO — By a unanimous vote, The Methodist Church's General Board of Lay Activities has decided to keep its offices in metropolitan Chicago.

The action was taken at a special meeting of the board on December 11.

Consideration of a new headquarters for the board was precipitated by an expansion program of the Methodist Publishing House, announced last year. The expansion program will involve the sale of the Methodist building at 740 Rush Street, Chicago, and the re-location of the church's boards and agencies which now rent office space there.

Faced with the need of finding a new location for its offices within the next year or two, the Chicago boards have explored several possibilities. Invitations have been extended by Kansas City, Mo., and Columbus, Ohio, to any of the Chicago boards which might consider moving there.

Nashville, Tenn., leaders had issued an invitation to the Board of Lay Activities to move its general offices to that city.

A strong case for Nashville as a headquarters city was presented by R. H. Berg of Melbourne, Fla., vice president of the board and lay leader of the Florida Conference. The advantages of metropolitan Chicago were outlined by Richard W. Campbell of Altoona, Pa., recording secretary of the board and lay leader of the Central Pennsylvania Conference.

After thorough and friendly discussion of various aspects of the proposed locations, the board voted overwhelmingly in favor of Greater Chicago as its headquarters.

Mr. Berg then moved that the vote be made unanimous. He emphasized that location of the board's offices is really a matter of secondary importance. The most significant factor to be considered, he pointed out, is the service which the board renders to the general church: "It doesn't matter where we hang our hats. What matters is how we do our work."

Exact location of the board's offices is yet to be determined but will be within the Greater Chicago area and related to the location of other Chicago boards.

In his opening devotional address, Bishop Dana Dawson of Topeka, Kansas, warned against "a passion for statistics which

can never become dominant in our church without peril."

Ray H. Nichols of Vernon, Texas, presided over the session, which may be his final function as presiding officer of the board which he has headed for the past 15 years. He plans to retire from the Board at the close of the current church year.

The 6th grade children are providing acolytes for the morning services at Trinity, Jacksonville.

The Commission on Membership and Evangelism of First Church, Clermont, is sponsoring the placing of the Upper Room in all hospital rooms and public offices throughout the city.

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## GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

The M.Y.F. at the Highlands Church, Jacksonville, has prepared a special room in the church to be used for prayer and meditation. With the help of some adults they have secured an altar and altar set and have made other changes in the room to create a more worshipful atmosphere.

The Emory Glee Club of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., presented "A Service of Christmas Music Through the Ages" at Christ Church, St. Petersburg on the afternoon of Christmas Sunday.

The Commission on Missions of First Church, Fort Meade, has voted to send \$49 to Alaska University in honor of the new 49th state in the Union.

The annual Christmas program for the Intermediates, Seniors and Older Youth of the Jacksonville District was held December 15th at the Riverside Park Church. The Lee High School Senior Girls Chorus offered a program of Christmas music. The offering went to Taiwan, for youth work there.

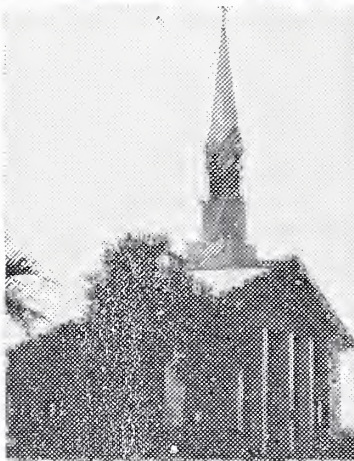
The St. Petersburg Male Chorus, directed by **John L. Reynolds**, sang a sacred concert of familiar anthems and Christmas songs at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, on December 13. **Dr. Samuel W. Robinson**, of the Indiana Conference, was the preacher of the hour.

The Senior Youth group of Wesley Memorial Church, Lakeland, collected an estimated 1,000 toys to be repaired and refurbished for distribution by the Salvation Army at Christmas time.

The Emory Glee Club members who gave a concert in the Bartow city auditorium on December 19 under the sponsorship of the Methodist Men sang two anthems at the morning worship service at First Church the following Sunday.

The Wesley Players from Florida State University, Tallahassee, presented Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" when the Madison-Taylor M.Y.F. Sub-District met in the Greenville Church on December 7th.

Construction is progressing on a new building which will provide the Highlands Church, Jacksonville, with a temporary sanc-

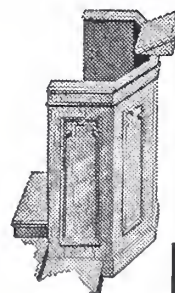


**WINTER CAMP MEETING** Feb. 7-13 at Epworth-by-the-Sea, Methodist assembly grounds on St. Simons Island, Ga., will feature **Dr. Norman Vincent Peale**, top, and **Dr. Charles Allen**, bottom. "Campers" are expected from Georgia, Florida and several other states to worship in Strickland Auditorium, bottom. Lovely Lane Chapel, top, located on the grounds, was named for the chapel in Baltimore, Md., where American Methodism was organized 175 years ago this Christmas.

tuary and will become a part of the educational plant when total plans are completed.

District Conference reports revealed that the **Rev. Larry O'Steen** of the Wesconnett Church, Jacksonville, was leading the entire District with 160 new members received during the first 6 months of this conference year.

A part of the Christmas offering at First Church, St. Petersburg, will be used to help build a church in Cuba in memory of the late **Dr. S. W. Walker** who was pastor at First Church when that church was under construction. The remainder of the offering was directed to the Lands of Decision, the work of the **Rev. C. L. Spottswood**, and to Soochow University in Taiwan.



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New 'Fact Book' Ready

"The Methodist Fact Book" will be off the press about Jan. 15.

The 216-page volume, to be known as the General Conference edition, has as its central theme, "Twenty Magnificent Years." Many of the facts and figures show the church's growth and development since Methodist Unification 20 years ago. Note is also taken of the 175th anniversary of American Methodism.

The "Fact Book" is edited by the Rev. Albert C. Hoover of Chicago, director of the Statistical Office of The Methodist Church's World Service Council.

In a foreword to the volume, Editor Hoover suggests something of the purpose of the book: "Let it be hoped that through a comprehensive presentation and understanding of mere tables, charts and graphs there may come directives and incentives for a wider interest and a better comprehension of why certain things happen. In every way possible the church must be inspired to take the long untraveled road where its people will truly become sincerely devoted, sacrificial, benevolent."

The volume is divided into three main sections: "Structure and Organization," "The Finances of The Methodist Church," and "History, Growth and the Future."

To suggest something of the size of Methodism, Editor Hoover points out that if its members stood, hand in hand, they would form a line 9,178 miles long and could play a giant game of "Drop the Handkerchief," with the circle girdling the United States from Portland, Maine, to Miami, Florida, New Orleans, San Francisco, Portland, Oregon, and back to Maine.

The book shows the church's total giving for all purposes and carries full directories of its colleges, hospitals, and homes, and general boards agencies.

Interesting tables relate church membership to the population and indicate that Methodist membership is about 5.52 per cent of the total population of the country. Other tabulations show trends in membership growth by sections of the country.

The book has not been "doctored" by deleting unpleasant facts and figures. Considerable attention is given to thought-provoking statistics that suggest areas in which the church must work harder to hold its own or gain ground. One table, for example, lists conferences which show a decrease in the number received on profession of faith during the last conference year.

The book also asks some in-

sistent questions, such as: "We have 9¾ million members — who are they? We received 380,204 on profession of faith — do they stay? We have over 7 million in church schools with 3,734,881 average attendance at Sunday School — what do they learn?"

One of many interesting compilations in the book is a list of 40 Methodist pastors who have served more than 25 years in their present church. Heading list is Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of Christ Church, New York.

Largest church in terms of membership is the 8,718-member Highland Park Church in Dallas, Texas. It is pictured along with its pastor, Dr. William H. Dickinson, Jr. One learns that the average charge has 400 members.

The "Fact Book" may not have all the answers for Methodists, but it has a lot of them. Its numerous charts, maps, tabulations and comparative summaries represent many months of research by Editor Hoover and his staff.

Copies of the "Fact Book" may be secured from the various branches of The Methodist Publishing House.

Bishop Lowe Dies

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Bishop Titus Lowe, former head of the Singapore, Portland, and Indiana areas of The Methodist Church, died here Nov. 27. The 81-year-old bishop had been in failing health for two years.

Retired since 1948, Bishop Lowe had devoted 48 years to the Methodist ministry, half of them as a bishop.

Last rites were conducted Nov. 30 at North Methodist Church here, led by Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis and Bishop J. Ralph Magee, retired, of Evanston, Ill. The remains were cremated.

A native of Billstone, England, Bishop Lowe came to the United States at the age of 14. The Lowe family settled near Pittsburgh, Pa., and Bishop Lowe, youngest

of six children, worked in the steel mills as a boy.

A 1900 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, he received his theological training from Western Theological Seminary. He returned to Ohio Wesleyan to receive a master of arts degree in 1908. He received honorary doctorates from Ohio Wesleyan, Nebraska Wesleyan and the College of Puget Sound.

Bishop Lowe was ordained in 1900 and served pastorates in Pennsylvania, Iowa, Nebraska, and Calcutta, India, before his election to the episcopacy in 1924.

He was bishop of the Singapore Area from 1924 to 1928 and the Portland Area for the next 11 years. Assigned to the Indiana Area in 1939, he served there until his retirement in July, 1948, at the age of 70.

Dr. G. Ray Jordan, professor of preaching at Candler School of Theology, will conduct the annual preaching mission at Hyde Park, Tampa, this month.

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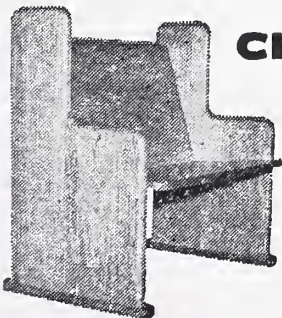
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## Purely Personal

The Rev. Harold Slater, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church of Nassau, in the Bahamas, preached at First Church, South Miami, during the Christmas Revival, December 6-12.

Miss Betsy Ewing, Dean of Students at Scarritt College, was the inspirational speaker for the annual meeting of the Florida Conference Deaconess Board held at the Wolff Settlement House in Tampa recently with the Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, President, presiding.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore is preaching at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, in a revival, January 3-8.

The W.S.C.S. and the Wesleyan Service Guild at Murray Hill, Jacksonville, honored the Rev. and Mrs. Elliott S. Ritch at a reception recently.

The Rev. and Mrs. John M. Brackman of First Church, Apalachicola, held an Open House on a recent Sunday evening to enable their guests to view the nearly \$2,000 worth of new decorations and furnishings in their parsonage home.

The Rev. and Mrs. Morrell Robinson of Mayari, Cuba, were the speakers at First Church, Clearwater, on Dec. 13. Mrs. Robinson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lereh, life-long members of First Church, and Mr. Robinson was that church's first Associate Pastor.

Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, of the General Board of Evangelism, was the Christmas Revival preacher at White Temple, Miami, last month.

Dr. John G. Stradley of Orlando was the speaker at Seminole Heights, Tampa, homecoming, December 6.

The Rev. T. Newton Wise of Atlanta, Secretary of the American Bible Society, preached in a Bible Crusade Revival for the Rev. E. D. Conway at Hernando early last month.

Dr. Daniel R. Marsh, Chancellor of Boston University, was the preacher at a Christmas morning service held at Christ Church, St. Petersburg.

## The Upper Room Book For Lent

### TEACH ME TO PRAY

Millions of people neglect prayer because they think it is "just pious talk and we ought to be 'up



W. E. Sangster

and doing'." Dr. W. E. Sangster, an outstanding clergyman and writer of our day, declares: "Only when men listen to God can they learn what they should be 'up and doing'."

Dr. Spangster, author of The Upper Room Book for Lent, 1960,

is a member of the British Methodist Conference. He has held several outstanding pastorates. Best known of these, perhaps, is his sixteen-year pastorate at Westminster Central Hall, London. *Teach Me to Pray* represents the writings of Dr. Sangster as published by The Epworth Press of England, to whom we are grateful, under the titles: "Teach Us to Pray," "How to Form A Prayer Cell," and "How to Live in Christ."

*Teach Me to Pray* is a challenging book for Christians. Besides being a useful Lenten reading book, this book continues its usefulness each day of the year. Most of us would admit that we are beginners in praying, even after years of trying to pray. This book helps us "think together about prayer—not the problems of it, but the practice of it." Dr. Sangster reminds us that giving our minds to Christ is not as difficult as it appears: "All our school days our teachers urge us 'to give our minds' to things . . . We give our minds to Christ when we attend to Him, think of Him, talk to Him, work with Him, rest with Him, walk with Him — and the more we give our minds, the more He gives us His."

**TEACH ME TO PRAY.** W. E. Sangster. The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. 64 pages. Paperback, 35c each; 3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per dozen.

## Medal Marked First Century



This medallion, struck 75 years ago as part of a Methodist celebration of the centennial of their church, turns up at just the right moment.

A church official, preparing to move from old "150 Fifth Avenue" to the new Inter-church Center in New York, discovered it deep in a desk drawer where it had been for decades.

Still glowing in gold-plated splendor this 1884 memento emerged just in time for the 175th anniversary of that same Christmas Conference in Baltimore where the Methodist Episcopal Church was born.

The medal, size of a silver dollar, bears Bishop Asbury's face together with the name and year of founding of the church. On the reverse is a bas-relief of Bishop Matthew Simpson whom Asbury had baptized in infancy. By 1884 this child had become senior bishop and president of the denomination's Board of Education.

Bishop Simpson was an intimate friend of Abraham Lincoln. At the President's death he accompanied the stricken family to Illinois and delivered the eulogy.

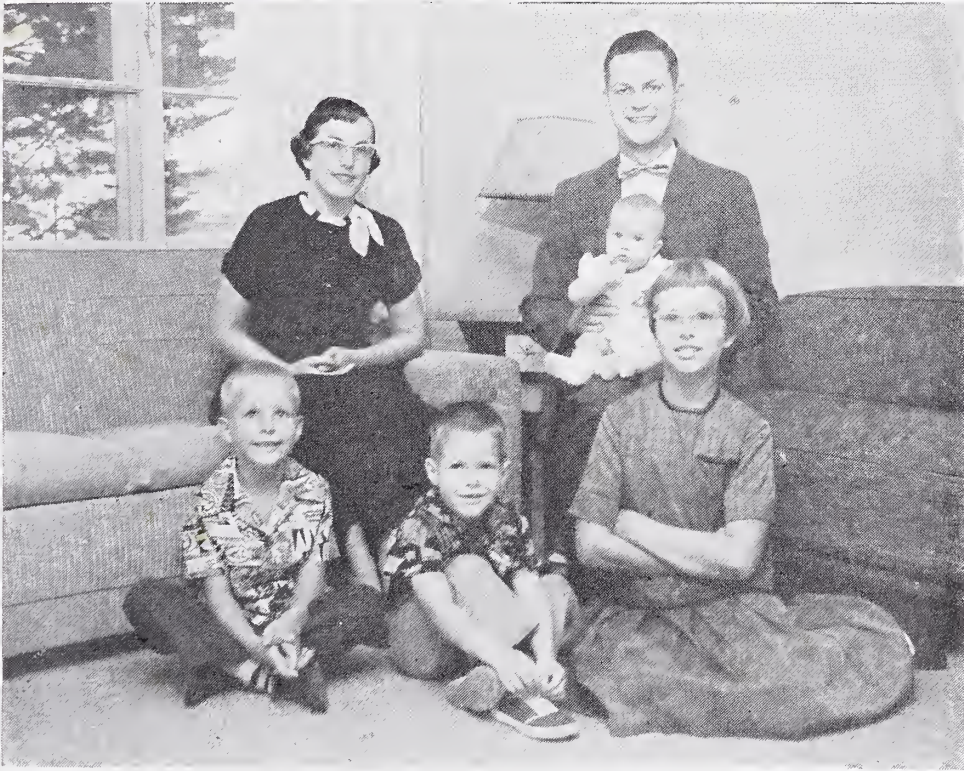


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## THE PETERSONS OF HONOKAA



The Rev. and Mrs. Richard H. Peterson and family of Honokaa, Hawaii, where Mr Peterson is pastor of the Community Methodist Church

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**How to Keep Your Preacher from Fishing**

The Rev. A. G. (Gus) Cox, pastor at Brandon, writes this good word to the editor:

"You will rejoice with me that our Brandon church has paid for the year all the percentages. And I mean up to June 1st, 1960.

"One man came to see me in the church office and wanted to give me a check to start a Building Fund for a new sanctuary. He wrote the check for \$5,000. Since then I have done no fishing, for I want to be in the office should some other person who has a checkbook come and want to write."

**Dealers in Smut Present Problem**

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Dealers in smut who peddle their obscene wares by mail are the U. S. Post Office's biggest problem, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield told a church group here.

"I hope that all churches will wake up to the seriousness of this widespread evil and help arouse public opinion," he told representatives of the interdenominational Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications.

Members of the commission, headed by their president, the Rev. Dr. Caradine R. Hooton of Washington, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, called upon the Postmaster General during a meeting here Dec. 14.

The commission is composed of leaders of 15

agencies which, in turn, represent some 70 Protestant denominations.

The Postmaster General unlocked a "Chamber of Horrors" to show the churchmen samples of lewd pictures, magazines and films his department had seized in the mails.

Pointing out that thousands of teenagers are the targets for a thriving mail order business, Summerfield urged the group to alert parents to check their incoming mail, especially "plain wrappers" and envelopes with no return address. All obscene material should be taken to the local post office, he said.

Meanwhile, a House subcommittee is due to open hearings here Feb. 2 on the need for publishers and motion picture producers to clean up "over-dramatization of sex and the spread of obscenity."

**Why the Internal Revenue Agent Went To Church**

It was really because of curiosity. He visited a large city church while no services were in progress. The agent said to the Pastor: "I've heard so much about your building that I wanted to see it myself."

The Pastor carried the agent on a tour of the building, and at the conclusion asked the natural question: "What do you think of it?" The revenue agent replied: "Frankly, I'm quite disappointed, I was sure the aisles would be paved with gold with all the money your members claim they give to the church on their income tax returns."

The agent touched a sensitive spot in the conscience of America. A psychiatrist predicts that mental disturbances would be less were we more honest in filing our tax returns.

This is one strong reason why many of us like the envelope system of giving. We have an actual record of what we gave to the church. It's a simple matter to keep the four quarterly statements of our Church Treasurer, and figure our contributions from there.

Without this envelope system, some of us would be too skimpy with our giving through the year, and too generous with our estimates at income tax time.

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## The YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By HOOVER RUPERT

**IT TAKES MORE THAN A LEGEND TO UNITE**

Historians have long noted the similarity in the legends of the Quapaw Indian tribe of Alabama and Mississippi to those related by the elders of the Omaha and Iowa tribes. This is particularly true as these legends relate to the migration of the respective tribes to their present homelands. Suspicions that these are more than legends have been confirmed in recent years by authorities at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C.

These widely separated tribes were once one tribe. Before the

days of the white man, they traveled South and West, probably along the Ohio River, seeking new and better homeland for their people.

The legends both agree that the tribe reached a "wide, wide river," probably the Mississippi. Preparing for the crossing, the tribe built odd, circular-shaped skinboats with which to cross the turbulent stream. When a portion of the tribe had safely crossed to the western side, a violent storm of tornadic proportions struck very suddenly, destroying many of the rude skinboats and panicking the folks who had not yet crossed. As a matter of fact, the storm was so severe that it discouraged all efforts to cross the swift stream—either way.

Those who had crossed the river continued westward into what is now Nebraska and southern Minnesota and became known as the

Omaha and Iowa tribes. The remainder turned south, hoping to find an easier crossing. Apparently they believed the other members of their large group would follow the same route along the opposite shore. They finally settled in Mississippi and became the Quapaw tribe.

Thus the original tribe remain forever divided. They had nothing in common in years and centuries to come, nothing to connect them in their division except this common legend of the perilous crossing.

This might have happened to those of us who share the Hebraic-Christian tradition.

Suppose part of our forefathers in faith under Moses had failed to cross the Red Sea. Those who did would have followed Moses through the desert wanderings and ended up in the promised

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# Methodism's 175th Anniversary

## Methodism Faces the Future

The Methodist Church was formally organized in Lovely Lane Chapel, Baltimore, Maryland 175 years ago. Not one of the young ministers who attended the organizational Conference during the Christmas season of 1784 had seen a steamboat, traveled upon steam trains, sent a message by telegraph, talked over a telephone, or had even conceived radio, television, or flying. So far as I know, no one addressed the Christmas Conference upon the theme, "Methodism Faces the Future." It was taken for granted that preaching men were to conquer a continent in the name of Jesus. These men of the saddle bags, who were men of message and mission, were hardly ready for what was then the present, much less the future.

The future will be at least a period of the stretched-mind, with fundamental readjustments in the realm of philosophy and of course theology. Before another 175 years have passed, we will have conquered space and come to know the thinking, the culture, the dreams, the problems, the limitations of the people who populate the great planets.

Surely, God the Father Almighty did not devote all of His creative power to an unpopulated universe and did not place the climax of creation, which we believe is the human being, solely upon the earth.

Is Methodism ready for the intellectual stretching necessary to reexamine its missionary program and to ask, must the old command be revised to read, "Go ye into the universe and preach the Gospel to every creature." What are these creatures like? Did the Eternal reveal Himself to them? If so, how? Could He have sent His Son to each one of the planets? Were there other methods of revelation? How is the Eternal known in Mars, in Venus, in Jupiter? Was the whole terrible enactment that we call "Calvary" requisite for other human beings to learn the meaning of "love so amazing, so divine," that it does demand "soul, life, and all?" Are the theological seminaries of The Methodist Church preparing men and women for the conversations and the conferences that are necessary as we seek to share the riches that are ours and to receive from others the riches that are theirs to the end that we may come to know the Father of us all? Is the message that we are to speak to the universe a neat little set of dogmatic propositions which we in our limitations have

Excerpts from an address by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., given Sunday, Jan. 3, in Baltimore, Md., at Lovely Lane Methodist Church at the concluding ceremony of a commemorative "Christmas Conference," marking the official organization of American Methodism in 1784.—Editor's Note.

worked out to answer the baffling problems that now confront us? Are there answers that we have never heard? Are we ready to hear them, and to act upon them if they appeal to the minds God has given to us?

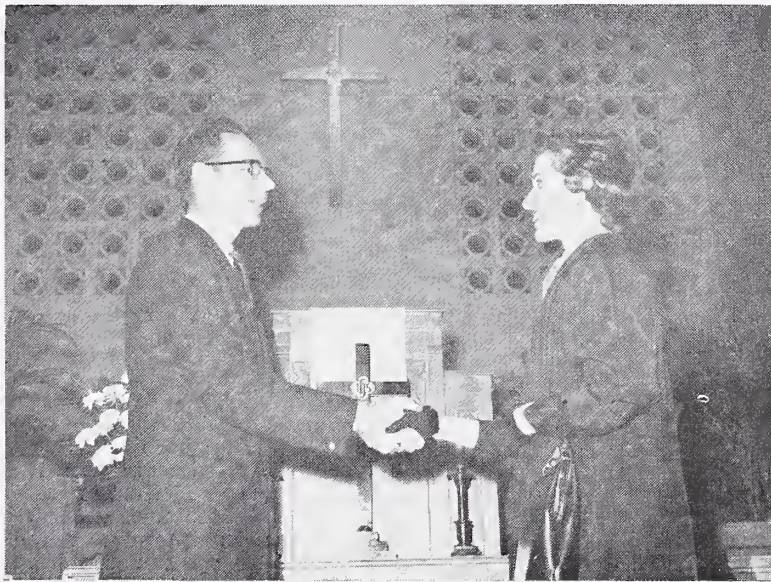
The future will be a period of abundant power. Splitting the atom eventuates not alone in missiles but in machines such as supersonic aircraft or perhaps even the space ships that will fly from New York to the Pacific

Coast in twenty minutes. Is it physical transportation of this kind for which we must be ready? Or will there be communication of such a nature that we can talk to the peoples of the other planets and see them and be in conference in fact, even though not in physical proximity?

With the basic question of power production answered, are we to develop men who will dedicate their competency to the tasks of using power to produce that which is necessary, useful, or beautiful for the enrichment of personality? Does this mark the passing of mining coal and releasing oil from the hidden confines of the present?

Is Methodism ready for a day in which the source of power — bountiful, endless, ready for any command—is upon us? Is it to be a universe crowded with missile launching bases, or will all of that be behind us? What kind of evangelism must Methodism espouse to make men ready for

## CHURCH MAKES GREAT PROGRESS



Goss Memorial Church in Orlando observed the first anniversary of worship in a new sanctuary Sunday, December 13th. In the picture above, the pastor, the Rev. William W. Roughton, welcomes Miss Grace McCullough into church membership, making a total of 220 new members received during the first year in the new sanctuary. A total of 707 new members have been received during the pastor's 5½ years at Goss Memorial. The total contributions during 1959 were exactly three times as much as in 1955.

The new sanctuary, with a seating capacity of 600, has been filled consistently during the first

year. The building was designed to permit the addition of a balcony and other expansion to a seating capacity of 1,000, without any major architectural problems.

The rapid growth and progress of Goss Memorial is the result of wise planning that began during the pastorate of Dr. John T. Dingley. The old church property, which was located only three blocks from First Church, Orlando, was sold and a new 3½-acre site was chosen in a new residential section of Orlando. Additional property has been purchased recently, making a total of 4.8 acres, thus providing off-street parking space for more than 400 automobiles.



the stretched mind or the fuller understanding of philosophy, ready for a day of power that awaits the command of intelligent humans?

It will be a period of peace. It must be. To shut our minds to the philosophical contributions of human beings on other planets, to prostitute power for purposes of destruction is inconceivable. Peace must cease to be political propaganda. It must become the practice of practical men of religion.

Methodism confronts a new world, but a new world that will be dependant upon the unchanging truths of the old world. It is a future in which there must be light, in which there will be leisure, in which love shall rule.

Is Methodism to contribute the type of mind found in laboratories where men are tracking diseases back to their causes, or discovering the means to destroy the causes, and what is more important, laboratories where men seek to understand the nature of life itself?

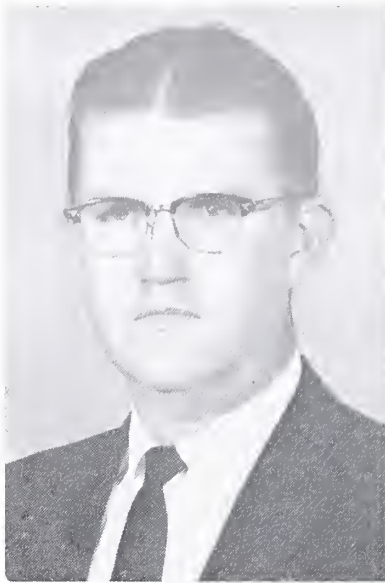
This is a moral universe. There is intelligence upon which we are dependent, a moral purpose upon which we rely.

There will be leisure. Unlimited power will ensure that. People who have sought satisfaction in over-eating, over-display, the abuse of physical powers will find the new world an unpleasant society. There is a limit to what can be reached in the realm of the physical, but in the life of the spirit, advance is unending. Thus the leisure of the future is to be a leisure of opportunity to become cultured in the true sense of the term.

It will be a future of light and of leisure and, above all else, of love. Strange, is it not, that the attempts of the theologians at the beginning when they sought to define the faith within the compass of a creed should not have mentioned love. It is not in the Apostles' Creed nor in the Nicene Creed. The Christian faith insists that it was out of love that the Eternal sent His Son that He might be truly revealed in a Person. Love is the cohesive force that will unite not only the peoples of the earth but the peoples of the universe. It is a universe that is made for love.

As Methodism faces the future, we must ask once again, What are the priorities. Do we put things first, and what do we mean by "first." It is not simply a question of abundant power but a question also of power over ourselves. Natural limitations will no longer stand as barriers that keep us from reaching the Promised Land. The limitations of na-

## ON MISSION CHAIN



DR. MELVIN BLAKE

Some of the Christian Ambassadors from the Methodist Church who will be heard on the Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies this year are Dr. C. Melvin Blake and Bishop and Mrs. Ralph E. Dodge.

From February 25 - March 2 — Dr. Melvin Blake will speak at Ft. Myers, and Miami on the work of the Methodist Church in Africa. Dr. Blake is the Executive Secretary for Africa—South of the Sahara—of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, with administrative responsibility for the work in six countries. He is a graduate of Taylor University and of the Drew Theological Seminary. His first pastorate was in the Methodist Church at South Milford, Indiana. From there he went to Angola where he served as evangelist, legal representative and treasurer of Methodist mission work and director of the mission station in Luanda. When Ralph E. Dodge was sent to Africa as Bishop, Dr. Blake was appointed to his position on the Board of Missions.

The Mission Chain begins this year on January 23 and continues through March 2nd. It extends

ture can be overcome. The fundamental question is the limitations upon our own selfishness. It is here that the message of the Gospel may well become the message of the universe.

The next 175 years must be characterized by an intellect big enough to speak out a new philosophy, to use new power to create and to maintain peace. It must be mind and heart and will, full of light, that in leisure can lift mankind to the practice of love.

into 19 Florida Cities. Watch your local announcements for dates and speakers in your own community.

From February 14 - 21 — Bishop and Mrs. Ralph E. Dodge will speak at Orlando, Mount Dora, Vero Beach and Ft. Pierce and in Ft. Lauderdale on Sunday. Dr. Dodge has been Resident Bishop for the Methodist Church S. E. Africa, Rhodesia and Angola since 1956. Bishop and Mrs. Dodge first went to Angola in 1936 and served as missionaries there for 14 years. In 1950 they were called to New York in order that Dr. Dodge might serve as Administrative Secretary to the Board of Missions, with responsibility for Methodist mission work in Europe, North Africa and Africa South of the Sahara. During the time in New York, Mrs. Dodge served in two interdenominational offices: The International Missionary Council and the Africa Committee of the National Council of Churches.

Bishop Dodge now presides over an area South of the Belgian Congo and north of the Union of South Africa which extends 1500 miles from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean. It contains about 16,000,000 African people, a half-million Caucasians and a half-million Asiatics. Each of the three conferences in the area speak a different official language. He visits each conference twice a year making one trip by car—six hard, long dusty days—and the other by plane.

Mrs. Dodge is now the editor of the African Christian Advocate, a quarterly magazine which carries news from all the Methodist mission fields in Africa South of the Sahara. Bishop Dodge and Bishop Booth are contributing editors. Mrs. Dodge is the author of "Comes the Dawn," a Methodist supplementary book for adults written for the Africa study year. Bishop Dodge took his seminary studies at Boston University School of Theology, was a student pastor at Forestdale Community Church, Malden, Massachusetts and served his first pastorate in the Mohall Circuit in North Dakota, before entering the missionary service.

## YOUTH CHOIR SINGS!

The new Youth Choir of Trinity Church, Lakeland, which the pastor's wife had been training for several weeks, took part in the special Christmas Sunday program. But they didn't stop there. Wearing their new robes and accompanied by the Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Driskell, three car-loads of them visited homes of the ill and shut-ins during the following days singing Christmas Carols.



## Completion of Costa Rican Training School Possible Through Week of Dedication Offering



Southeast view of the chapel and main building

When you think of Methodist leader training in areas where the need is crucial, don't necessarily focus on such remote spots as Africa or Asia. Only a hop, skip, and jump away lies a good instance — Costa Rica and Panama.

According to Rev. Herbert G. Tavenner, a Methodist missionary, total Methodism in Costa Rica is served by two ordained pastors without aid of deaconesses or directors of religious education. The same condition exists in Panama. These two Central American countries, though, are about as far from Brownsville, Texas, as Salt Lake City is from Chicago.

Remedial effort center in a single activity—Methodist Christian Workers Training School at Alajuela, Costa Rica, where the Rev. Mr. Tavenner serves as director. This school received \$35,000 from the 1959 Week of Dedication freewill offering and is scheduled to receive a similar amount from the 1960 offerings.

Purpose of the Training School, which opened in March, 1959, is to fill the desperate need for ordained pastors and other workers. Work here was originated by Bishop George Amos Miller 45 years ago. Through the efforts and generosity of Bishop Miller, money was provided to buy land for the school in March, 1958.

This educational institution is not a seminary. The students attend classes two years, have one year of field work, and return for a final third year. Sufficient progress is made by the students' third year to warrant their ordination as deacons. After grad-

uation from training school they will lack but one year in the Conference Course of Studies to become ordained elders and members in full connection in the Annual Conference of Central America.

In 1955 Bishop Miller wrote Dr. James E. Ellis, executive secretary of the Board of Missions for Latin America: "From the beginning our Costa Rica (and Panama) work has suffered for lack of capable native leaders. We have tried local training, institutes, special classes and courses; the best we have been able to do has been far from adequate. We have sent a few students to Mexico and to the U.S.A. All facts and evidence indicate that we can never have a trained, efficient, native leadership until we undertake seriously to prepare our own leaders from our own people and begin to take the well meaning, but poorly equipped, men and women and give them a more adequate preparation for Christian leadership and do it in Costa Rica."

The school which has grown out of Bishop Miller's concern lies on a 3-acre plot near Alajuela, Costa Rica, on the mainline of the Pan-American highway. The south side of the land is bordered by a small river, the west by a small coffee and banana farm, and the road curves about the east and north sides.

The first new building to go up was a two-story classroom and dormitory. The second is a lovely modern chapel, seating approximately 140 people. It was given by Bishop Miller and his daugh-

ter, Dr. Evelyn Miller Berger, in memory of his wife and her mother. The chapel, which was dedicated August 30, 1959, will be used for district and sub-district meetings, conferences, youth gatherings, pastors' institutes, church retreats, and so on.

The Rev. Mr. Tavenner and his family live in one of the two houses which were on the property when it was purchased. Speaking of the one they occupy, he says, "It is a fairly good house and has been made comfortable. The other building is a tiny one being used as a men's dormitory. It is totally inadequate for our needs.

"By March, 1960, it will be necessary to use a small house not on school property to accommodate the new students, although it is too small and old and does not have bathroom facilities.

"The new building, which should be sufficient to finish the physical plant, would have the permanent boys' dorm, the permanent dining room and kitchen, as well as an apartment for a missionary couple. Additional administrative space may also be needed in this building. In addition to this final large structure are needed a few small simple cottages for married students and an open air athletic court. We are certain that all of these things can be built including the necessary furnishings and equipment for \$35,000."

Whether or not the \$35,000 is available for this cause depends on the response of Methodists when the freewill offerings are received during the Week of Dedication — February 28 through March 6, 1960.

### Christ Church, St. Pete Dedicates New Building

On Sunday, January 3, Bishop Arthur J. Moore preached at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, and led in a service of dedication for the new Church School - Office Building.

The basement of this building was built and paid for at the time of the erection of the new sanctuary several years ago since it houses the air conditioning and heating units for the sanctuary. Work on the building proper began in May, 1956, however, and the final payment was made on the debt last July. The amount contributed for this purpose was \$234,225.12.

Bishop Moore remained at Christ Church through January 8 leading in that church's New Year Revival and preaching at the Conference Evangelistic Rally held there on January 5th.



## Heard At Evangelistic Rally . . .



**BILL MANN**



**DR. PAUL HARDIN**

The entire Florida Conference was well represented in the large crowd that gathered at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, for the first of two Conference-wide Evangelistic Rallies held there on Tuesday, January 5th. The second Rally was held at First Church, West Palm Beach, the following day.

With the Conference Secretary of Evangelism, Dr. E. J. Pendergrass of Orlando, presiding, the opening devotions were led by the Rev. M. M. Gibbs, pastor at Broadway, Orlando, and secretary of the Conference Board.

The first sermon of the day was delivered by Dr. Paul Horton, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama. He was followed by Dr. J. W. Blake of Seminole Heights, Tampa, chairman of the Conference Board, who spoke on behalf of the "Year of Total Enlistment." Bishop Arthur J. Moore brought the closing sermon of the morning session.

In the afternoon session, the

opening address was given by Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, Chancellor of Boston University, and the closing service of consecration was led by Dr. Lewis Head, pastor of First Church, Coral Gables.

The congregational singing was led by Bill Mann, "Sweet Singer of Methodism," who was also leading the singing for the New Year's Revival which was in progress at the host church with Bishop Moore as the evangelist.

It was announced that Mr. Mann is now giving full time to evangelistic singing and he and Dr. G. Ray Jordan, professor of homiletics at Emory, are currently engaged in a Religious Emphasis Week at the Centenary Church, Quincy, where the Rev. C. Eugene West is the pastor.

Dr. Hardin also will be the preacher in a series of meetings for the Rev. O. V. Hitchcock at First Church, Melbourne, in the near future. The Rev. Herb Bowdoin, Florida Conference evangelist, will lead the singing for this meeting.

## Strickland Named President of Wesleyan

The Rev. Dr. W. Earl Strickland, superintendent of the Augusta District of the North Georgia Conference, was named president of Wesleyan College at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on Monday, January 4.

Dr. Strickland, native of Colquitt, holds the Bachelor of Philosophy, Bachelor of Divinity, and Master of Arts degrees from Emory University, together with an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from LaGrange College.

Prior to his appointment as

district superintendent, Dr. Strickland served for seven years as president of the North Georgia Conference Board of Education. He has been secretary of the Georgia Methodist Commission on Higher Education since it was created in 1956, having previously been secretary of the Georgia Association of Methodist Colleges for four years.

He is a member of the Regional Personnel Committee of the General Board of Missions and is a delegate to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference this year. He has been a member of the North Georgia Conference

Board of Ministerial Training for seven years, and a visiting professor at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He also has taught in the Southeastern Jurisdictional Supply Pastors' School.

Ordained to the ministry of the Methodist Church in 1940, Dr. Strickland served pastorates at Brookhaven in Atlanta from 1941-1944; South Broad in Rome from 1944-48; Sylvan Hills in Atlanta, 1948-50; East Lake, Atlanta, 1950-54; and College Park, 1954-59.

He has served as a trustee of both LaGrange and Reinhardt Colleges.

His wife, the former Thelma Frazer, is also a native Georgian. They and their three daughters, Patricia, Ellen, and Margaret, will move to the campus the middle of the month.

The unanimous choice of the trustees' committee headed by Dr. Goodrich White, the 40-year-old minister will assume his duties immediately. Dr. White stated he has known and worked with Dr. Strickland for a number of years and is confident of his ability to do an exceptional job as president of Wesleyan.

The new president and his wife were introduced to the faculty and staff of the college Monday morning, and presented to the student body at luncheon. They met with the Board of Managers of the Wesleyan Alumnae Association during the afternoon.

### Statement by Dr. Strickland

"Wesleyan College has a unique heritage as the first college chartered to grant degrees to women. From the first it has been known as a thoroughly Christian institution that has stressed quality work," Dr. Strickland stated upon being interviewed.

"It has numbered among its presidents, trustees, faculties, and alumnae many people who would bring honor to any institution. It will be my aim to see Wesleyan continue to be known as a truly superior college for women with continued emphasis upon its Christian heritage. I am highly honored to serve as president of such a school."

Leo B. Huckabee, chairman of the Wesleyan Board of Trustees, presided over the meeting.

—Copied from The Wesleyan Christian Advocate

### GIFT TO SILVER PALMS

A new Schulmerich Carillon, a gift from the Ames family in memory of Mrs. Earl Ames, has been installed in the Silver Palms Church, Princeton. The first concert was of Christmas music played on December 13th.



## Purely Personal

**C. Edwin Graves**, postmaster at Knoxville, Tenn., and a prominent church layman, occupied the pulpit of Morrison Memorial Church, Leesburg, on the Sunday after Christmas. His topic was "Nothing Less Than Our Best."

**Chief Silver Tongue**, a perennial favorite in St. Petersburg, sang and the pastor, **Dr. Paul Horton**, preached at a special Vespers Service at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, on January 3.

**Rodney P. Smith**, who recently moved to Florida from Arkansas, has been appointed Director of Music at First Church, Clermont. He succeeds Mrs. Arthur Seybold who resigned as director but is continuing as organist.

A tour to the Holy Land, Western Europe, and the Passion Play will be conducted next summer by **Dr. and Mrs. Harold E. Buell**, of White Temple in Miami.

**The Rev. Amos Boren**, former pastor of the Roberts Park Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, has arrived to start a new church in Hollywood Hills in the Miami District.

**The Rev. T. E. Ray**, now serving his 21st year as the pastor at Middleburg, mimeographed his Christmas sermon and distributed it to his parishioners as a Christmas greeting.

**The Rev. and Mrs. Brooks Moore** of Salem, Ore., were killed in an auto accident Dec. 21 in Burns, Idaho. Mr. Moore, pastor of First Church, Salem, was a member of the Curriculum Committee and a nephew of the **Rev. Raymond C. Hitchcock**, pastor at Riverview.

**Mrs. Louise H. Knapp** of Richmond Hill, N. Y., died Dec. 18. She was assistant secretary of missionary education for the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

**The Rev. Dr. Edwin Lewis**, 78, retired professor of Drew University, died in Morristown, N. J., after a short illness.

## CRUSADE AT PALM SPRINGS

Led by the pastor, the **Rev. A. E. Purviance**, the Palm Springs Church, Hialeah, is conducting a "Try His Way Crusade" for the first 10 Sundays of 1960. Goals include "Every member a praying member" and a total attendance figure of 3,500 persons during the Crusade.

## Florida Missionaries Watch "God Making An Island"

(Story From Cover Page)

The following paragraphs are some excerpts from a Christmas letter received by many friends from the **Richard H. Petersons**, Florida missionaries to Honokaa, Hawaii. The Petersons went out to Hawaii in 1958 after Mr. Peterson had served the Bayshore Church, Tampa, for 5 years and as the associate minister at Seminole Heights, Tampa, for 1 year. Their work is largely supported by Florida churches.

"About three weeks ago, we looked out from the parsonage yard and saw a brilliant skullcap of snow on each of Mauna Kea's three highest peaks. We knew then that it was time to write you a letter if we wanted it delivered by Christmas. We delayed, until eight days ago we received a hurried call from Hilo, (45 miles southeast) that the volcano had erupted. That was late on Saturday night. Sunday afternoon we drove the eighty miles to the side of Kilauea Iki where for the first time in our lives we saw God making an island. Of course this eruption was confined to an old crater, but liquid rock spewed several hundred feet in the air, then dropped back into a river of liquid, flaming earth. As it touched the sides of the old crater a flame would suddenly burst forth as another brief brush fire would flame, burn and die. The eruption lacked only 44 minutes of being a week in duration. After four and a half days rest the fountains again began today but died again in ten hours. During these days enough lava flowed out of the fountain, and sprayed to the glorious heights of a thousand feet and more, that the crater was filled to a depth of over three hundred feet despite its fifty-five acre area. We went on Wednesday (November 18) to see it again and were permitted only to watch the fountain from a safe distance. On Friday, Dick took the M.Y.F. to see the fountain, and after a four-hour wait in a line of cars, backed up for more than two miles, they were allowed to drive by and get out and look at the fountain and the lava lake for ten minutes. The M.Y.F. outing took ten hours and they did not arrive back in Honokaa until 3:30 A.M.—but they were all happy and all had seen God at work in tremendous, cataclysmic, physical force-creating, changing, moving His earth.

"As we think about the volcano and then about our work in Honokaa, we pray that somehow we can be part of a spiritual eruption which will build these lives into

a new spiritual depth as God's love mounts up in their lives.

"There are some very, very small spiritual earthquakes to give hope. Perhaps Christian education is the strongest of these. This past summer we had two Vacation Church Schools. The first was in Paauiio, (eight miles away), and lasted one week. Two classes were held enrolling twenty-one and twelve received certificates. In August, the Honokaa school was held. A two-week school, we were only able to be present one week because of a Mission Mid-Year meeting in Honolulu. We are very proud of lay leadership that saw five classes with an enrollment of more than seventy-eight and forty-seven certificates given.

"Our Sunday School continues weak in numbers (about thirty each Sunday), but it is definitely improving in quality. The teachers had requested a training class, so after Christmas Dick will teach a second series course on "Teaching in the Church School." This will probably be well attended and should do much to improve the Sunday School.

"The poor Sunday School attendance has its compensation in the near perfect attendance of sixty-seven children, grades one through six, who attended the weekday Religious Education Classes held on public school time. Next year should show a genuine improvement in quality here, as well, with the possible consolidation of two schools.

"The Woman's Society of Christian Service is making good progress. The women are learning to care for their budget with personal pledges. This makes possible projects to help the church. Just now the women have a pie baking project. Using the church kitchen they bake about thirty pumpkin pies which they sell for one dollar. They will do this on about five different occasions. The profits will redecorate the church lounge which we use for about every small activity and which is often, also, used by the community.

"The Commission on Finance and the Official Board are now in the midst of Every Member Canvas plans. We hope to raise member pledges to more than four thousand dollars rather than the present level of three thousand and three hundred dollars. This is a big goal but necessary if we ever hope to make the start toward being a self-supporting church rather than an ever dependent mission.

"We are so happy for our family. We are happy for the great family of God to which we belong and for the love which that family—YOU—continually show us by your prayers, letters and support."



# Methodism's Advance

## A Record of the Giving of Methodists in the Florida Conference

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FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

### I. World Mission Specials

#### B. ABROAD (Other Than Cuba)

#### OTHER NATIONAL ADVANCE SPECIALS

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Starke                          | \$ 29.58 |
| Waldo                           | 2.25     |
| Williston                       | 10.27    |
| Worthington                     | 3.00     |
| Jacksonville: Lake Shore        | 8.08     |
| Jacksonville: Wesley            | 25.00    |
| St. Augustine: First            | 25.00    |
| St. Augustine: Grace            | 15.00    |
| Auburndale: First               | 7.50     |
| Bushnell                        | 3.45     |
| Frostproof                      | 11.00    |
| Highland City                   | 3.00     |
| Lakeland: Wesley Memorial       | 39.00    |
| Lake Wales: First               | 5.00     |
| Blanton-Trinity: San Antonio    | 5.00     |
| Zephyrhills                     | 10.00    |
| Homestead: First                | 18.50    |
| Key West: First                 | 20.02    |
| Greater Miami: Christ           | 6.56     |
| Greater Miami: Sellers Memorial | 6.73     |
| Greater Miami: White Temple     | 16.70    |
| DeLand: Trinity                 | 100.00   |
| Orlando: Holden Heights         | 9.58     |
| Orlando: Holden Heights         | 15.00    |
| Orlando: St. Paul's             | 12.50    |
| Titusville                      | 15.00    |
| Anona                           | 29.61    |
| Hernando                        | 8.00     |
| Ft. Ogden                       | 2.80     |
| Terra Ceia                      | 5.00     |
| Venice-Nokomis                  | 30.00    |
| Branford-O'Brien: Branford      | 5.00     |
| Tallahassee: St. Paul's         | 20.54    |
| Seffner                         | 6.84     |
| Tampa: Seminole Heights         | 100.00   |
| Clewiston                       | 20.00    |
| Lake Worth: Lake Side           | 4.30     |
| VeTo Beach: First               | 25.00    |
| Hutto-Yulee                     | 7.50     |
| Jacksonville: God Shepherd      | 20.00    |
| Ocala: St. Marks                | 10.00    |
| Lakeland: Orange Heights        | 3.00     |
| Greater Miami: Bryan Memorial   | 50.00    |
| Georgiana                       | 5.25     |
| Homosassa                       | 5.00     |
| St. Petersburg: Childs Park     | 11.33    |
| St. Petersburg: Clearview       | 29.25    |
| Englewood                       | 5.00     |
| Parrish                         | 3.50     |
| Madison: First                  | 12.50    |
| Wellborn: Wellborn              | 7.50     |
| Melbourne: First                | 20.00    |
| Melbourne: First                | 16.00    |
| Pahokee: First                  | 16.00    |
| Anthony                         | 1.90     |
| Dunneilon                       | 5.00     |
| Ellsey-Orange Ct.: Orange Creek | 2.00     |
| Jacksonville: Glynlea           | 6.05     |
| Jacksonville: Peeler Memorial   | 5.45     |
| Jacksonville: Spring Glen       | 6.00     |
| Jacksonville: Swaim Memorial    | 25.00    |
| Clermont: First                 | 7.57     |
| Davenport                       | 6.00     |
| Lakeland: First                 | 81.00    |
| Leesburg: Morrison Memorial     | 30.00    |
| Largo                           | 25.00    |
| Liberty Ct.: Bristol            | 7.50     |
| Oxford                          | 5.00     |
| Davie                           | 15.00    |
| West Hollywood                  | 13.00    |
| Mims                            | 7.40     |
| Orlando: Conway                 | 25.00    |
| Orlando: First                  | 271.00   |
| Sanford: First                  | 20.08    |
| Winter Garden: First            | 17.50    |
| Clearwater: Friendship          | 11.80    |
| Crystal River                   | 10.00    |

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|----------------------------|--------|
| Inverness                  | 7.61   |
| Cldsmar                    | 5.09   |
| St. Petersburg: Grace      | 16.07  |
| Bradenton: First           | 37.50  |
| Lake Placid                | 25.00  |
| Sarasota: Trinity          | 12.50  |
| Apalachicola, First        | 20.00  |
| Lake City: First           | 15.03  |
| Havana                     | 20.00  |
| Glen Julia: Mt. Pleasant   | 6.00   |
| Sardis                     | 15.00  |
| Tallahassee: Southside     | 5.00   |
| Brandon                    | 15.00  |
| Plant City: Trinity        | 6.00   |
| Ruskin                     | 25.00  |
| Tampa: Hyde Park           | 60.00  |
| Thonotosassa               | 4.00   |
| Fellsmere                  | 2.50   |
| Ft. Lauderdale: First      | 8.00   |
| Riviera Beach: First       | 12.50  |
| W. P. Beach: Northwood     | 52.50  |
| W. P. Beach: Northwood,    |        |
| Mangonia Park              | 10.00  |
| W. P. Beach: Grace         | 5.00   |
| W. P. Beach: Wagg Memorial | 16.00  |
| Macelenny: First           | 20.00  |
| Melbourne: First           | 20.00  |
| Melbourne: First           | 16.00  |
| Stuart                     | 50.00  |
| Lake Alfred                | 10.00  |
| W. P. Beach: Grace         | 10.00  |
| Macelenny: First           | 25.00  |
| Pinetta                    | 25.00  |
| Spring Lake                | 10.00  |
| Ft. Lauderdale: First      | 10.00  |
| Wildwood                   | 25.00  |
| Tampa: Seminole Heights    | 100.00 |
| Lake Worth: Calvary        | 25.00  |

#### METHODIST COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS RELIEF

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Ellzey                      | \$ 2.00 |
| Hastings: Riverdale         | 2.62    |
| Anthony                     | 15.00   |
| Ocala: St. Mark's           | 15.00   |
| Callahan                    | 17.13   |
| Middleburg                  | 15.00   |
| Lake Alfred: First          | 10.00   |
| Leesburg: Morrison Memorial | 25.00   |
| Dania                       | 3.75    |
| Key West: El Salvador       | 10.00   |
| Apopka                      | 11.00   |
| Mt. Dora: First             | 150.00  |
| Orlando: Christ             | 11.14   |
| St. Petersburg: First       | 10.00   |
| Largo                       | 62.40   |
| Spring Lake                 | 10.00   |
| Alva-Olza: Alva             | 25.00   |
| Boca Grande: First          | 40.00   |
| Apalachicola, First         | 10.00   |
| Pinetta                     | 20.00   |
| Talla: Tallahassee Heights  | 3.30    |
| Eau Gallie: St. Paul's      | 25.00   |
| Ft. Lauderdale: First       | 10.00   |
| Ft. Lauderdale: St. Andrews | 50.00   |
| Riverview of Jacksonville   | 5.00    |
| Ft. Pierce: Community       | 13.45   |
| Bellevue                    | 25.00   |
| Worthington                 | 4.00    |
| Hutto-Yulee: Hutto Chapel   | 25.00   |
| Hutto-Yulee: Yulee          | 25.00   |
| Coleman: Panasofkee         | 5.00    |
| Highland City               | 11.00   |
| Zephyrhills: First          | 25.00   |
| Greater Miami: So. Miami    | 19.01   |
| DeLand: Trinity             | 17.00   |
| Orlando: Holden Heights     | 15.00   |
| Orlando: St. Paul's         | 25.00   |
| Titusville                  | 15.00   |
| Winter Garden: First        | 25.00   |
| Ft. Ogden                   | 4.00    |
| Immokalee                   | 13.00   |
| Tampa: Drew Park            | 5.00    |
| Pompano Beach: First        | 105.00  |
| Bellevue                    | 25.00   |
| Worthington                 | 4.00    |

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|----------------------------------|--------|
| Hutto-Yulee: Hutto Chapel        | 25.00  |
| Hutto-Yulee: Yulee               | 25.00  |
| Coleman: Panasofkee              | 5.00   |
| Highland City                    | 11.00  |
| Gephyrhills: First               | 25.00  |
| Greater Miami: So. Miami         | 19.01  |
| DeLand: Trinity                  | 17.00  |
| Orlando: Holden Heights          | 15.00  |
| Orlando: St. Paul's              | 25.00  |
| Titusville                       | 15.00  |
| Winter Garden: First             | 25.00  |
| Ft. Ogden                        | 4.00   |
| Immokalee                        | 13.00  |
| Tampa: Drew Park                 | 5.00   |
| Pompano Beach: First             | 105.00 |
| Jacksonville: North Shore        | 90.00  |
| Sebastian                        | 12.50  |
| Jacksonville: Peeler Memorial    | 40.00  |
| Bushnell                         | 5.00   |
| Davenport                        | 3.00   |
| Groveland: Edge Memorial         | 70.00  |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial    | 236.27 |
| Davie                            | 20.00  |
| Matecumbe                        | 25.00  |
| Sanford: First                   | 25.00  |
| Crystal River                    | 35.00  |
| Sarasota: First                  | 115.00 |
| Tallahassee: Tallahassee Heights | 3.40   |
| Brandon                          | 5.00   |
| Ft. Lauderdale: First            | 8.00   |
| Gainesville: First               | 50.00  |
| Williston: First                 | 16.66  |
| Fernandina Beach                 | 17.00  |
| Garden City                      | 25.00  |
| St. Augustine: Grace             | 25.00  |
| Lakeland: College Heights        | 186.68 |
| Lakeland: Orange Heights         | 16.00  |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial    | 17.00  |
| Winter Haven: Trinity            | 10.00  |
| Davtona Beach: Community         | 15.00  |
| Largo: Calvary                   | 5.00   |
| St. Petersburg: Clearview        | 68.75  |
| St. Petersburg: Christ           | 50.00  |
| St. Petersburg: St. Luke's       | 200.00 |
| Englewood                        | 18.00  |
| Ft. Myers: Wesley Memorial Ch.   | 30.00  |
| Bethel Ct.: Bethel               | 2.00   |
| Havana                           | 25.00  |
| Tallahassee: St. Paul's          | 10.00  |
| Fau Gallie: St. Paul's           | 25.00  |
| Melbourne: First                 | 17.50  |
| Wabasso                          | 20.00  |
| Fort White: Mt. Tabor            | 2.00   |
| Hastings                         | 5.13   |
| Interlochen: Florahome           | .50    |
| Kendrick-St. Johns: Kendrick     | 6.20   |
| Ortega                           | 10.00  |
| Coleman                          | 5.00   |
| Lakeland: Methodist Temple       | 3.00   |
| Mt. Dora: First                  | 50.00  |
| Mt. Dora: First                  | 15.00  |
| Lake Lindsey: New Hope           | 5.00   |
| Columbia Ct.: Columbia           | 1.00   |
| Jasper: First                    | 25.00  |
| Grace of Liberty Ct.:            | 1.00   |
| Liberty Ct.: Bristol             | .50    |
| Madison: First                   | 5.00   |
| Woodville: Wakulla               | 2.00   |
| Woodville: Woodville             | 2.00   |
| Pahokee: First                   | 2.50   |
| Roseland                         | 10.00  |
| Jay: Swaim                       | 15.00  |
| Haines City: First               | 50.00  |
| Greater Miami: Carol City        | 32.00  |
| Greater Miami: Coral Gables,     |        |
| Wesley                           | 25.00  |
| Orlando: Meadowbrook             | 2.50   |
| Dunedin                          | 13.00  |
| Inverness                        | 12.50  |
| New Port Richey                  | 14.00  |
| Bradenton: First                 | 50.00  |
| East Leon Ct.: Charres           | 3.00   |
| Lake City: First                 | 10.00  |
| Lee Ct.: Hickory Grove           | 1.47   |
| Shady Grove Ct.: Lake Bird       | 2.00   |
| West Madison Ct.: Shiloh         | 2.00   |
| Canal Point                      | 24.00  |
| Jacksonville: Spring Glen        | 6.00   |
| Auburndale: First                | 50.00  |



# Christ and his Church

|                                    |        |                                   |         |                                     |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Mulberry .....                     | 6.00   | Sarasota: North .....             | 10.00   | Dunedin Methodist Ch. ....          | 113.00 |
| Bushnell .....                     | .50    | Branford .....                    | 7.50    | LaBelle, Carlson Memorial .....     | 50.00  |
| St. Catherine .....                | .50    | Quincy: Centenary .....           | 825.00  | Nacotee: Pine Level Ch. ....        | 3.00   |
| Port Orange .....                  | 6.25   | Ckeechobee, First .....           | 75.00   | Parrish Meth. Church .....          | 10.00  |
| Ocoee .....                        | 10.00  | Interlochen: Florahome .....      | 1.00    | Tampa: Palma Ceia .....             | 100.00 |
| Bradenton: First .....             | 100.00 | Branford .....                    | 7.50    | Fort Pierce: First .....            | 83.33  |
| Immokalee .....                    | 12.00  | Quincy: Centenary .....           | 825.00  | First Ct.: Vero Beach .....         | 100.00 |
| White Springs .....                | 1.00   | Ckeechobee .....                  | 75.00   | Various Churches .....              | 160.00 |
| Rocky Springs: W. Madison Ct. .... | 1.50   | arious Churches .....             | 8357.00 | Ft. Lauderdale: Wesley Chapel ..    | 1.25   |
| Manhattan Ave.: Tampa .....        | 20.00  | Foseland .....                    | 10.15   | Melbourne: First .....              | 82.50  |
| Plant City: Trinity .....          | 5.00   | ax: Swaim Memorial .....          | 15.00   | Port Orange .....                   | 3.14   |
| Melbourne: First .....             | 12.50  | Hanes City, First Meth. ....      | 25.00   | Osteen .....                        | 1.50   |
| W. P. Beach: First .....           | 30.00  | Eig Coppitt Meth. Ch. ....        | 20.00   | Rocky Springs—W. Madison Ct. ....   | 12.50  |
| Stuart .....                       | 50.00  | Eig Coppitt Meth. Ch. ....        | 20.00   | Ocoee .....                         | 7.50   |
| Greater Miami: White Temple .....  | 100.00 | Greater Miami: Coral Gables ..... | 65.00   | Gainesville: Dunellen Meth. ....    | 5.00   |
| Micanopy .....                     | 10.00  | Greater Miami: White Temple ..... | 150.00  | Jacksonville: Ortega Meth. Ch. .... | 30.00  |
| Cross City: Old Town .....         | 5.00   | Tovares .....                     | 250.00  | St. Augustine: Grace .....          | 56.25  |
| Jacksonville: First .....          | 5.00   | Quincy: Centenary .....           | 4000.00 | Macclenny: First .....              | 25.00  |
| Jacksonville: First .....          | 50.00  | Last Leon Ct.: Chaires .....      | 1.00    | Lakeland: College Heights .....     | 100.00 |
| Davenport .....                    | 5.00   | Lake City: First .....            | 20.00   | Lakeland: College Heights .....     | 75.00  |
| Winter Haven: Beymer .....         | 87.00  | Lake City: First .....            | 100.00  | Mulberry Meth. ....                 | 31.00  |
| Greater Miami: Bryan .....         | 25.00  | Lee Circuit: Hickory Grove ....   | 1.11    | Orange Heights .....                | 25.00  |
| Greater Miami: Grace .....         | 25.00  | Monticello: First .....           | 10.00   | Cocoa Beach, First .....            | 2.00   |
| Orlando: Goss Memorial .....       | 25.00  | Shady Grove Ct.: Lake Bird .....  | 2.00    | Port Orange .....                   | 3.25   |
| Columbia Ct.: Siloam .....         | 2.00   | West Madison Ct.: Shiloh .....    | 2.00    | Inverness Methodist Ch. ....        | 12.50  |
| Waukeenh Ct.: Lamont. ....         | 7.50   |                                   |         |                                     |        |

## IV. Conference Approved Advance Specials

| DISTRICT CHURCH EXTENSION                        |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Jax: Swaim Memorial .....                        | \$ 17.50 |
| Mascotte .....                                   | 5.00     |
| Trilby-Blanton: Trilby .....                     | 5.00     |
| Orlando: Meadowbrook .....                       | 1.25     |
| Orlando: Pine Castle .....                       | 6.25     |
| Sanford: Ebenezer .....                          | 25.00    |
| Hernando .....                                   | 15.00    |
| Parrish .....                                    | 10.00    |
| E Leon Ct.: Chaires .....                        | 1.00     |
| Lee Ct.: Hickory Grove .....                     | 1.11     |
| Liberty Ct.: Bristol .....                       | 14.00    |
| Winter Park .....                                | 2.00     |
| Jax: Swaim Memorial .....                        | 17.50    |
| Mascotte .....                                   | 5.00     |
| Trilby-Blanton: Trilby .....                     | 5.00     |
| Orlando: Meadowbrook .....                       | 1.25     |
| Orlando: Pine Castle .....                       | 6.25     |
| Sanford: Ebenezer .....                          | 25.00    |
| Hernando .....                                   | 25.00    |
| Parrish .....                                    | 10.00    |
| East Leon Ct.: Chaires .....                     | 1.00     |
| Lee Ct.: Hickory Grove .....                     | 1.12     |
| Knights .....                                    | 20.00    |
| Ellzey .....                                     | 1.00     |
| Ocala: St. Mark .....                            | 2.50     |
| Dania .....                                      | 16.66    |
| Orange City .....                                | 3.00     |
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| Various Churches .....                           | 260.00   |
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## The Martins Honored

The Rev. and Mrs. John Minder of Melrose honored the Rev. and Mrs. Fred L. Martin on their thirty-third wedding anniversary November 26 with a dinner carried out in a combination of anniversary and Thanksgiving colors.

A "whopping" big Thanksgiving dinner was served, including the turkey and all of the trimmings, to the honorees and the other guests in attendance. In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Minder, Mrs. C. W. Perry, mother of Mrs. Martin, and Miss Jo Albertson were present.

It was a special occasion for the Martins, for it was thirty-three years ago to the day that Mr. Martin brought his bride to the parsonage of the Melrose Methodist Church!

The Martins are now residing in Gainesville, where he is serving as the minister of First Methodist Church.

## "Mission to America" Reported Success

A total of 11,246 persons made commitments to rededicate themselves to Christ during the two-month "Mission to America" led by nine Christians from other lands. The mission was conducted Oct. 4 to Dec. 4 under the sponsorship of the Board of Evangelism and the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions. Some participating congregations reported the mission was "the best thing that had ever happened in our church," according to the Rev. Leslie J. Ross of Nashville, director of the mission and a staff member of the Board of Evangelism.

## REV. JAMES DOUGLAS LEWIS

The Rev. James Douglas Lewis, 84, retired member of the Florida Conference, passed on to the Father's house on December 23, after a long illness. Mr. Lewis retired in 1941 after some 40 years in the ministry, much of which was given to the Latin missions of Ybor City and West Tampa. Since his retirement he has lived at Largo where he had served as pastor during the last three years of his active ministry.

Born in Del Rey, Ga., Dec. 10, 1875, he began his ministry in 1899 as a missionary to Cuba, spending two years there. After his return to the States, he served several churches in Northern Florida before being sent to Ybor City.

He was known as a Boy Scout troop leader and committeeman for 35 years in Tampa and Largo. He founded Largo Boy Scout Troop 12 more than 20 years ago.

A graduate of Emory University in Atlanta, Mr. Lewis was an honorary member of the Largo Kiwanis Club and the founder of the Golden Age Club of Largo.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Corinne E. Lewis, Largo; five daughters, Mrs. Oscar B. Hensley, Largo; Mrs. Charles O. Prowse, Jr., Miami; Mrs. Lucile Brown, Lakeland; Mrs. Talmage Bergen, Pompano Beach, and Mrs. Marks S. Rose, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Funeral services were held in the Largo church and were conducted by the Rev. E. Pierce Hendry, pastor; Dr. W. O. Foster, assistant pastor; and the Rev. Hoyt Tatum, St. Petersburg District Superintendent. Final services and burial were in Thomaston, Ga. At the family's request, contributions were made to Cuban missions in lieu of floral tributes.



## GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

A number of gifts, including Chimes, a Vibraharp and a new Leclern Bible, were dedicated during Christmas Eve services at First Church, Dade City.

A parsonage has been purchased and the Rev. Robert Hines has arrived to take over the work of the new Westwood Church, being established in Southwest Miami.

The Rev. W. G. Aldridge announces the opening of the new church at Meadowbrook, in Northwest Orlando, for the afternoon of February 7th.

The Rev. Robert D. Bledsoe of Haines City was speaker for week long Senior MYF Activities program at First Church, Dade City, the first week in the New Year.

The Youth groups of Wesley Memorial Church, Lakeland, had charge of the New Year's Eve program which included the showing of the Martin Luther film and a fellowship period preceding the Watch Night service.

The Rev. T. Newton Wise, District Secretary of the American Bible Society, has written a review strongly commending "Reading the Bible Aloud," a new book by Dr. J. Edward Lantz.

A children's "Birthday Party for Jesus" at the Silver Palm Church, Princeton, brought gifts totaling \$45.00 for the Florida Methodist Children's Home.

The Methodist Men of First Church, Dade City, took charge of the outdoor Christmas decorations and already are planning for a more elaborate display next year, to include nativity scene and other symbolic figures.

The Rev. H. T. Heitzenrater reports that the Sunday School of First Church, Clermont, broke a five-year record on December 20 with an attendance of 255.

A group of 9 citizens of Dade County is fighting to defend the use of the Bible in the public schools. Two suits have been filed in Circuit Court seeking to remove the practices of reading from the Holy Bible, prayer, singing of hymns, and the observance of Christmas and Easter programs and holidays from the public schools. Both Methodist ministers and laymen are represented in the defending group.

## Commission Recommends "No Basic Change In Jurisdictional Structure"

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Methodist Church has been advised by a special fact-finding committee to make "no basic changes" in its regional and racial jurisdictional structure.

The findings and recommendations of a 70-member commission were announced by Charles C. Parlin of Englewood, N. J., chairman, and the Rev. Dr. C. C. Bell of Lynchburg, Va., director, following a four-year study.

The commission's report is expected to be an item of major debate at the quadrennial Methodist General Conference, the church's top legislative and policy-making body, to be held April 27 - May 11 in Denver, Colo.

Copies of the 32-page report have been mailed to bishops and the 800 ministerial and lay delegates to the General Conference.

The commission, composed of some of the church's most highly respected clergymen and lay leaders, was created by the 1956 General Conference.

The group was instructed to make a thorough study of racial segregation in The Methodist Church, and of the jurisdictional system . . . "with special reference to its philosophy, its effectiveness, its weaknesses, and its relationship to the future of the church."

The Methodist Church membership in the United States of nearly 10 million includes some 500,000 Negroes.

The church is divided into six jurisdictions—five geographic and one all-Negro, called the Central Jurisdiction. Each jurisdiction elects its own bishops and members of general boards and agencies.

The system has been in effect since 1939 when three major branches of Methodism united after nearly 100 years of separation.

Opponents of the jurisdictional structure claim it encourages sectionalism and racial segregation.

Supporters insist that the system is needed to prevent a top-heavy central organization. The basic motivations and goals of the geographic jurisdictions have nothing to do with race, they say, pointing out that separate Negro conferences existed before the 1939 reunion.

In recommending that the jurisdictional structure be maintained, the study commission said that "Unfortunately and erroneously, the jurisdictional system as a whole, mainly because of the Central Jurisdiction, has become for some a symbol of segregation."

"Actually, the Central Jurisdiction assures racial integration in the highest echelons of our Church — in the Council of Bishops, the Judicial Council and in all boards, commissions and committees. There is no other denomination in America where this degree of racial integration in the governing bodies of the Church has been achieved.

"To legislate the immediate elimination of the Central Jurisdiction would be harmful to the Church, and especially disastrous to Negro Methodists. Many life-long members would be without full fellowship in local churches or Annual Conference.

"If Negro churches are accepted in white conferences and Negro members are admitted into white churches, the Central Jurisdiction will disappear in those sections where this is accomplished. However, in large sections of our Church, Negro Methodists would be left without opportunity to be included in interracial churches and interracial conferences.

"We are agreed in this report that the Church cannot now abolish the racial jurisdiction. Drastic legislation will not accomplish the fully inclusive Church we all desire. We must give ourselves to education and experimentation in the creating of a climate—spiritual and psychological—in which an inclusive Methodist Church

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Instead of abolishing the Central Jurisdiction, the commission suggested that the 1960 General Conference seek to implement Amendment 9 of the church constitution which provides legal steps for the transfer of local congregations from one jurisdiction to another.

The commission noted, however, that only six Negro congregations have transferred to white jurisdictions since the amendment was ratified three years ago, and 36 other local churches are involved in various stages of transfer. All are outside the South.

The commission said that in addition to numerically and financially weakening the Central Jurisdiction, "one of the most significant deterrents to transfer is that Negro ministers become the victims of a restricted itineracy. Until there is more freedom of appointments for Negro ministers, until all churches are willing to accept a minister because he is a Methodist preacher and merits the appointment, there will be this hesitancy to transfer."

To help achieve a "fully inclusive Methodist Church," the report recommends the development of interracial ministerial associations at the community level to plan the Methodist program, frequent pulpit exchanges, and the organization of committees on interracial brotherhood in each of the church's 100 sub-regional Annual Conferences.

Also, that the church's general Board of Social and Economic Relations be delegated specific responsibilities to study and recommend courses of action "to bring about within a reasonable time the abolition of the Central Jurisdiction's racial character."

In other recommendations, the commission's report asked the 1960 General Conference to:

1. Affirm the right of jurisdictions to adopt their own policies as to promotion and administration by jurisdictional organizations.

2. Amend the constitution so that jurisdictional conferences shall meet (a) at the time and place of General Conference or (b) not more than 60 days prior to the General Conference. Also, that the jurisdictions be invited to hold their 1964 conferences at the time and place of the General Conference.

3. Amend the constitution to provide that the minimum membership of the General Conference be set at 900 and the maximum at 1400, and that the same persons be delegates to their respective jurisdictional conferences and the General Conference.

4. Amend church law to provide that bishops elected by a

## "Give the Magic Penny"

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Methodists will try to raise a total of \$1,000,000 for their Negro colleges on the



DR. JOHN O. GROSS

denomination's annual Race Relations Sunday, February 14.

On that day, members of Methodist churches across the country will be asked to give an offering for the 12 Negro colleges and the Negro student center related to The Methodist Church.

The institutions are Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.; Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Claflin College,

jurisdictional conference be consecrated at General Conference, and that bishops elected by overseas conferences have the option of being consecrated at General Conference.

5. Amend the constitution to provide for a General Conference Committee on Episcopacy, composed of all members of the jurisdictional Committees on Episcopacy, to receive, accept and announce the assignment of bishops as approved by the jurisdictions, and to handle the transfer of bishops from one jurisdiction to another, under certain restrictions and when agreed to by the jurisdictions and bishops involved.

6. Authorize the site of the General Conference be rotated among the jurisdictions, provided that there is an equality of accommodations for all races without discrimination or segregation.

The Hon. Fred B. Noble of Jacksonville represents the Florida Conference on this fact-finding committee. Dr. Richard V. Moore, president of Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, represented the Florida Conference of the Central Jurisdiction.

Orangeburg, S. C.; Clark College, Atlanta, Ga.; Dillard University, New Orleans, La.; Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Texas; Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.; Morristown (Tenn.) College; Paine College, Augusta, Ga.; Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.; Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss.; Wiley College, Marshall, Texas; and Morgan Christian Center, Baltimore, Md.

"If Methodists will be the difference between faltering and vitality for the institutions." He is general secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Methodist Board of Education.

The offering totaled \$401,538, the most ever, in 1959.

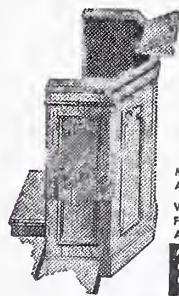
Good relations between the races, as well as financial support of the Negro institutions, will be emphasized in services on Race Relations Sunday.

"Give the Magic Penny" is the slogan for the 1960 observance.

"If each of the nearly 10,000,000 Methodists would give a penny a month to the cause," said Dr. Gross, "the annual goal of \$1,000,000 would be more than reached."

"However," Dr. Gross added, "since some members will not give anything, other Methodists must give much more than a penny a month if we are to reach our goal."

A Methodist Men's group has been organized at the Methodist Temple, Lakeland, with W. M. Adkins as president.



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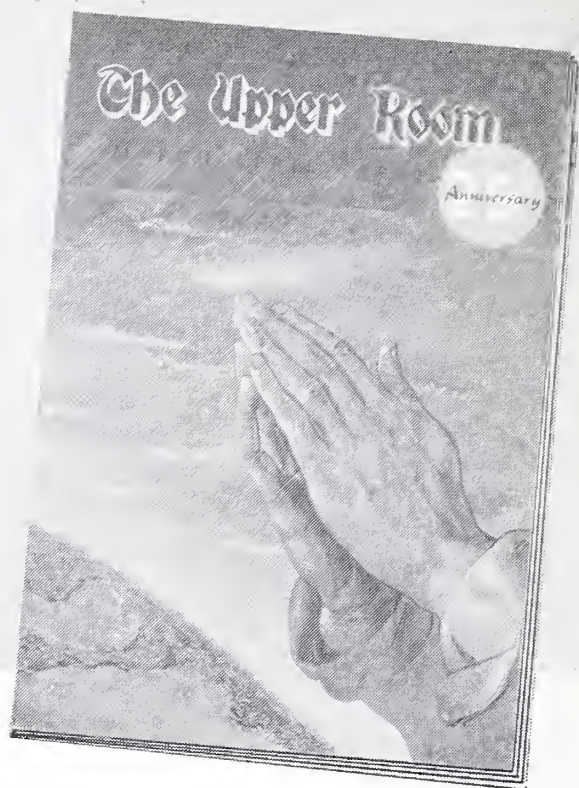
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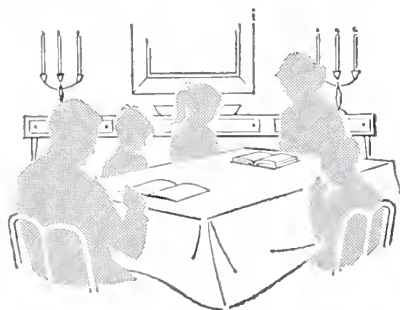


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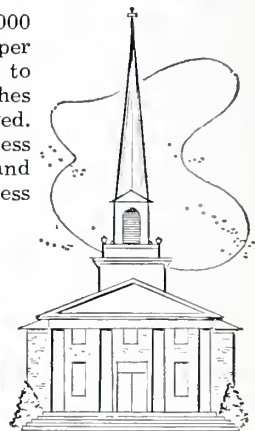
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## Oxnam Questions Kennedy's Freedom

BALTIMORE, Md. — Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., questions whether Sen. John F. Kennedy could be entirely "free of Roman Catholic hierarchical control" if he were elected President of the United States.

The bishop was here Jan. 3 to give the concluding address at a weeklong observance of the 175th anniversary of the founding of The Methodist Church.

In an interview with the New York Times, Bishop Oxnam said he was acquainted with Sen. Kennedy, "a sincere, able person with a very fine mind."

The bishop added, however: "I had thought he could exercise independent judgment as an American citizen until I saw a report that he had cancelled an interfaith speaking engagement because a Cardinal had insisted he do it."

"Whether he would be independent of hierarchy pressure is a question that Protestant and Jewish voters would have to weigh."

The "cancelled engagement" cited by Bishop Oxnam concerned a statement by the Rev. Daniel A. Poling, prominent Baptist leader, that Kennedy had withdrawn from a scheduled appearance several years ago at a dinner meeting marking the end of a fund drive for the Chapel of the Four Chaplains.

The chapel is a memorial to the four chaplains—Catholic, Jewish, Methodist and Baptist (the latter Dr. Poling's son)—who drowned arm-in-arm when their transport ship was torpedoed during World War II.

Dr. Poling said that Kennedy, then a Congressman, cancelled his participation at the insistence of the late Dennis Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia.

Bishop Oxnam said he would want to know where a Catholic candidate stood on the question of religious freedom.

"The Roman Catholic hierarchy does not believe in religious freedom as we know it, and the restriction on Protestants in Spain is just one example. I don't like these limits on religious freedom, and that worries me."

Bishop Oxnam said he didn't know of any attempts by Methodists to control candidates for political office.

In announcing his candidacy for the Democratic nomination, Sen. Kennedy restated his belief in the Constitution, the First Amendment and the separation of church and state.

## Sanctuary Formally Opens at Fort Myers

Pictured here is the new building of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church of Fort Myers



which was formally opened for worship on Sunday, January 10. This new church which was organized only last May has been worshipping in the Royal Palm Bowling Alley. The project was sponsored by the Commission on Missions of First Church, Fort Myers.

The new building is the first unit of a 3-building church plant to be erected on a 3-acre site in the South Fort Myers area. A parsonage for the pastor, the Rev. John F. Few and his family, was purchased last Spring.

Sarasota District Superintendent Dr. Harry H. Waller was a special guest for the opening ceremonies and the sermon was delivered by the Rev. John J. Rooks, pastor of the sponsoring church. In the afternoon there was an open house conducted by the ladies of the W.S.C.S. and in the evening the M.Y.F. presented a play, "The New Frontier."

## Advent Home Mission For Christ Meets Success

Mr. Paul Davis, chairman of the Advent Mission for Christ in the Home at the Belmont Park Church, Clearwater, gave materials for the Advent Home Mission to nine persons in his church with most gratifying results.

Neighborhood services, at which carols were sung and the Christmas story read, were held in six homes and were attended by fifty-three persons. In addition to the Methodists present, these home services were attended by Baptists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, United Brethren and Roman Catholics. Mr. Davis reports, "We feel that this has done an enormous amount of good in creating a better neighborhood feeling."

## Editor Says Church More Institution Than Movement

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Methodist Church is in danger of "becoming more of an institution and less of a movement," a Methodist minister warns in the Jan. 4 issue of the fortnightly magazine, Christianity Today, published here.

"Methodists nonetheless sense the life that is within the institution and blow upon the fire which once warmed them," adds the Rev. Dr. Romey Pitt Marshall of Greensboro, N. C. "Perhaps in time it will become again a mighty flame."

Dr. Marshall is editor of the weekly North Carolina Christian Advocate, and a former editor of the Florida Christian Advocate, predecessor of The Florida Methodist.

In his featured article in the widely-circulated Christianity Today, he briefly reviews the history of Methodism and describes the organization, theological developments and internal problems of the church today in the United States.

"Modern Methodism is not the Methodism of yesterday," he comments. "Where once it was made up of small groups of believers in a way of life, it is now largely composed of members who accept church membership as a part of life."

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## Youth Rallies Under Way

The annual Youth Enlistment Rallies got away to a good start when the first Rally was held at Grace Church, Miami, on January 11th. This was followed by Rallies at Key West on the 12th, Pompano Beach on the 13th, Belle Glade on the 14th, Vero Beach on the 15th and Fort Myers on the 16th.

The Rev. John Hunt, pastor at Lakeland's Methodist Temple, is the speaker for the first week. Mr. Hunt replaces the Rev. Austin Hollady, director of the Wesley Foundation at F.S.U., who had to cancel due to illness in his family.

The Rev. J. C. Rowan, pastor of the Methodist Church at Kendall, will be the speaker for the second week. Dates and places for these Rallies are:

Jan. 25—Tampa, Grace Church  
Jan. 26—Winter Haven, Beymer Memorial  
Jan. 27—Bradenton, First Church  
Jan. 28—Spring Lake  
Jan. 29—Orlando, First Church  
Jan. 30—Ormond Beach

Dr. George A. Foster, pastor at Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale, and president of the Conference Board of Education, will be the speaker for the third and final week. These Rallies will be held as follows:

Feb. 8—St. Pete, St. Luke's  
Feb. 9—Jacksonville, Riverside Park  
Feb. 10—Gainesville, First Church  
Feb. 11—Jasper  
Feb. 12—Tallahassee, St. Paul's  
Feb. 13—Apalachicola

The main purpose of these rallies is to interest young people in considering full-time church work as a vocation, but that's not all. There is opportunity for those who are ready to make a first commitment to Christ, and there is fellowship and inspiration, singing and interesting information, all packed into two hours and forty-five minutes. The Rev. Warren Willis, conference director, will preside and there will be some conference M.Y.F. officers sharing in each Rally.

## Theology Reunion

Alumni of the class of 1940 of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, will have their twentieth anniversary reunion Wed., Jan. 20, at 1 P.M. at the Alumni Memorial Building at Emory.

The Rev. Newton Wise is chairman for the reunion luncheon. Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick is class councilman of the class.

The reunion is being scheduled in conjunction with Ministers' Week activities at Emory.

## Conference on the Methodist Ministry

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., told the 34th Conference on the



BISHOP PAUL N. GARBER

Ministry, meeting here Dec. 29-31, that "we are in the era of theological education in American Methodism."

Discussing "The Struggle for a Trained Ministry in The Methodist Church," Bishop Garber cited the church's higher educational standards for entrance into the ministry, the founding of two new theological seminaries, increased support of theological education, and a four per cent increase in seminary enrollment.

Bishop Garber is president of the Board of Education's Division of Educational Institutions and chairman of the Commission on Christian Higher Education.

He was one of several speakers who addressed 225 leaders of annual conference boards of ministerial training and deans of ministerial study courses for non-seminary persons. The sessions were held at National College here.

Bishop Garber said there are now 2,955 students enrolled in Methodism's 11 theological schools in the United States. (The Methodist Theological School in Ohio admits its first class this fall.)

Bishop Garber sounded a note of warning lest present-day leaders of the church lose the "crusading spirit" which characterized the untrained men of pioneer days in the church.

"If our Methodism settles into a routine, status quo, middle-class movement," he warned, "some person or agency is going to be

blamed for this changed situation, and you know as well as I do how easy it will be to charge the theological schools with educating only a status quo ministry."

He called for "uniting the forces of the church" and urged that we not "look upon our theological schools as institutions apart from the main stream of Methodism nor should our theological schools consider themselves only observers and critics of the policy and program of Methodism."

In another address, Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet of San Francisco said that too many pastors "cushion their congregations against the brutal and stubborn facts of life."

Bishop Tippet, who is chairman of Department of Ministerial Education, which sponsored the conference, told the group: "More of our laymen are willing to venture out into the deep than our preachers are willing to let them."

"People are tired of nice little homilies on such topics as 'How to be Happy Though Poor,'" the bishop declared. He called for preaching that is more than "pious platitudes and ethical proverbs."

"The highest witness of all, whether in clergy or laity, is the kind of life we live," Bishop Tippet declared.

Bishop Edwin E. Voigt of Aberdeen, S. D., called the clergy "the tightest trade union in the world," but he added: "We are bound together by a common call and a common answer to serve the common good, and whatever we do for each other's benefit we do in order the better to render this service."

Addressing those charged with recruitment and training of ministers, Bishop Voigt said, "By the strange working of Providence, in your hands has been placed the selection of those who will come after us . . . With you rests the issue whether the fellowship shall become a scramble for glory or a beloved community in whom God can be well pleased."

The Rev. Dr. Don W. Holter, president of the new National Methodist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, said that preachers need to be able to communicate the gospel in terms which the rank and file will understand. He described one of the tragic weaknesses of present-day theological education as "a lack of an awareness of what is going on in the world."

The Rev. Dr. John O. Gross of Nashville, general secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education, said that an over-emphasis on



material values "blurs our nation's sense of purpose before the world and diminishes our influence as a moral force."

"If America could experience a revival of the principles which gave it birth," Dr. Gross said, "a climate of confidence and hope would be created in every part of the world."

"If God take laymen of limited ability from the menial tasks of the past century and accomplish so much," he asked, "what might he do in our time with the vast lay resources that we possess?"

Bishop Eugene M. Frank of St. Louis and Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, Iowa, and President Lewis B. Carpenter of National College presided at sessions or led devotional services. The conference was directed by the Rev. Dr. J. Richard Spann of Nashville, director of in-service training in the Department of Ministerial Education, and the Rev. Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, Nashville, director of theological education in the department.

Thirty men shared in leading series of panel discussions dealing with such themes as educational standards and programs, selection and cultivation of candidates for the ministry, and other aspects of the work of conference boards of ministerial training.

Suggestions arising out of the discussions will be channeled through a committee preparing legislation on the ministry for submission to the 1960 General Conference.

Serving as chairman of one of the six panels was the Rev. David J. Cathcart, Lakeland, Fla.; Executive Secretary of the Florida Conference Board of Education and Registrar of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

## The Youthful Accent

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land. But those who failed to cross might have gone elsewhere. And there would be nothing to unite us but the legend of that crossing.

But the Christian faith teaches us that one came out of that tribe of God's people who proved to be the Redeemer and Saviour of the world, Jesus of Nazareth. And the sense of unity we have with people of all races and kinds in all parts of the world grows out of our faith in the revelation of God in Jesus. Thus, here is far more to unite us than a legend of folklore which tells of geographical separation which proved stronger than blood ties of kinship and race. As Paul said, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ."

## 700 Persons Launched "Decade of Prayer"

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The clock struck midnight. In the distance, firecrackers popped. In the sanctuary of Central Methodist Church here, 700 persons were on their knees praying the Lord's Prayer.

Thus entered a new decade, and thus was launched a new Methodist-sponsored international "Decade of Prayer."

Earlier on New Year's Eve, nearly 1,100 persons from at least 23 states were at the church to hear the Rev. Dr. E. Stanley Jones speak on "Prayer and Conversion in the New Decade."

After midnight, as the early minutes of the new decade ticked by, the 700 went to the altar and knelt for Holy Communion. And then in the wee hours—One A.M., Two A.M.—and on throughout the meeting people took turns keeping a prayer vigil going every minute, praying for world peace and world revival.



"If you want the world to beat a path to your door, let lie down to take a nap."

At 9. A.M. New Year's Day, the delegates, rubbing their sleepy eyes, were on hand for a school of prayer. Through the day, they heard talks on prayer and discussed prayer, and in the closing service of the meeting that night, they dedicated themselves to a life of prayer in a "Decade of Dynamic Discipleship."

The Decade of Prayer is a part of the Decade of Dynamic Discipleship which the Methodist General Board of Evangelism is promoting during the 1960's. In addition to prayer, the discipleship program will emphasize Bible reading, Christian beliefs, starting new churches, and recruitment of preachers and missionaries.

The Decade of Prayer will include prayer vigils and various prayer programs, said the Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, Nashville, director of the prayer life movement of the General Board of Evangelism. It is expected that individuals, families, churches, other organizations, and communities around the world will participate.

The high point of the opening

session New Year's Eve was the message by Dr. Jones, a Christian leader known around the world.

"No greater contribution could be made during the next ten years," said Dr. Jones, "than to undergird the world situation with prayer."

The Rev. A. B. Wing, superintendent of the Knoxville Methodist District, said, in opening the program, "I have a feeling that there is something tremendously significant happening here tonight."

A telegram from Vice President Richard Nixon said in part, "As you pray, I know you will be serving the cause of peace throughout the world."

The Rev. J. T. Seamands, a Methodist missionary to India, said in the midnight service, "I believe with all my heart we are on the verge of something tremendous."

At the closing session, the delegates agreed that they would all pray for the summit conference next May and voted to send a telegram to President Eisenhower informing him of their action.

## Preacher's Son Marries

Announcement is being made today of the marriage of Miss Norma Lee Floyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter David Floyd, Oneco Road, Bradenton, to Mr. David Macy Martin, son of the Reverend and Mrs. Fred Lee Martin, Gainesville.

The Reverend Mr. Martin performed the simple ceremony at the altar of the First Methodist Church in Dade City on January First.

Members of the families who witnessed the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, Miss Minna Floyd, the Reverend and Mrs. Martin, Mr. Lamar Philpot, formerly of Gainesville, now of Bradenton, attended Mr. Martin as best man. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Floyd.

After the First of February the couple will be at home in Atlanta, Georgia.

**THE FLORIDA CLUB** is the 2nd largest conference club at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, (North Georgia, the home conference, having the largest). This group meets regularly for fellowship activities and service projects. Its officers are: David T. Scoates, Jacksonville, president; John Glisson, Jacksonville, vice president; Arthur Holmes, Gainesville, secretary-treasurer; Bruce Galloway, Jacksonville, and John Tindell, Miami, fellowship chairmen; and Dr. Claude Thompson, faculty advisor.



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**A Statement to the Church**

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It is imperative at this crucial time that an increasing number of persons be challenged with the teachings of the Bible and the way of Christ. As long as there is even one person without the Redemptive Fellowship and Christian Church must be concerned. The General Board of Education of The Methodist Church calls upon all pastors, church

school superintendents and other leaders concerned, to increase greatly the number being reached by our local church schools.

The local church school is the major source of new members joining The Methodist Church. At present six out of every ten who join the church on profession of faith come through Methodism's 38,000 local church schools. This activity should continually be expanding.

The General Board of Education challenges each local church school to establish for itself the goals for increase which it will undertake to realize during the coming quadrennium. If the church is to be increasingly an effective haven for righteousness in our land, the minimum endeavor must be a rate of church school growth considerably larger than the rate of population increase in the community. Improving the quality of teaching and program and the effectiveness of the organization are likewise essential.

To reach more persons, an increase in the number of our local church schools is necessary. Local churches are challenged to co-operate with proper authorities in bringing this about, especially by establishing outpost church schools in growing areas and elsewhere as needed.

We call upon our Bishops, District Superintendents, Conference Boards of Education and other leaders to encourage and guide our local church schools in responding to this call to action.

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**YOUTHFUL ACCENT**

By HOOVER RUPERT

**LOVE IS SUPREME**

The story is told that in the days of Cyrus the Great, there lived on the southern border of his empire a great chieftain who defeated every detachment of Cyrus' army sent to subdue him. Finally the king himself amassed his whole army and captured Cagular and brought him to the capitol for trial and execution. At the trial he with his wife and his two children were brought to the judgment hall. There stood Cagular, a fine-looking six-footer with clear complexion and fearless blue eyes. His wife and children were equally attractive and noble in mien. Cyrus was impressed with the appearance of the four and said to Cagular: "What would you do if I should spare your life?" "Your Majesty, if you spared my life I would return to my home and remain your obedient servant as long as I live." Then Cyrus asked, "What would you do if I spared the lives of your children?" "I would gather my scattered hordes, place your banner above them, and lead them to victory on every field." Then Cyrus asked again, "What would you do if I spared the life of your wife?" "Your Majesty, if you spared the life of my wife, I would die for you."

So moved was the emperor that

he freed them all and returned

Cagular to his province to act as governor thereof. At the family home, Cagular was recalling the marvels of the emperor's palace. "Did you notice the exquisite marble at the entrance with the figures and mashing colors so perfectly executed?" No, his wife hadn't noticed. Then Cagular asked, "Well, did you notice the tapestry in the corridor outside the throne room? The figures were as natural as if alive and the colors blended as the rays of the evening sunset." But again the reply from his wife was that she hadn't noticed the tapestry. Finally, Cagular said, "Surely you noticed the chair on which the emperor sat. It looked as if it had been carved from one lump of pure gold by a master craftsman." His wife answered, "I didn't notice the throne." With surprise her husband inquired, "Well, what did you see as we stood before the emperor on the day of judgment?" To this his wife replied, "I beheld only the face of the man who said he would die for me."

"Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friend." When we look at the cross and behold there the love of God in all its graciousness and greatness, we realize that we are in the presence of God who is love. And we will notice little else.

But in our gratitude and humility in the presence of such love, let us not fail to hear the words of our Lord calling us to move into the sacred realm of fellowship with God in love. "This is my com-

**What Do You Think?**

The following statement concerning clerical garb in the pulpit appeared in a recent bulletin of First Church, West Palm Beach, where the subject is a matter of current interest. We believe other congregations are interested also and so we present the discussion for your consideration—Editor.

**"WHAT SHOULD A MINISTER WEAR?** This depends upon where he is and what function he is performing. Many believe that when a clergyman is engaged in his ministerial functions, he should look like a minister. Others feel that a minister's dress is irrelevant and his own business. Most of us could probably agree that gaudy neckties, shoes, argyle socks, and extreme styles of any sort are not well chosen when worn by a minister in his Sunday work.

"To be sure, the minister's appearance is not the most important thing about him. Unusual individuals sometimes overcome unsightly appearance. But in general, a clean, appropriate, modest attire is an asset and never a liability for a minister. John Wesley always wore a clergy gown. Indeed, the style he wore bears his name.

"Much can be said for pulpit vestments. If the choir is vested, it seems highly appropriate that

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mandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." This is the kind of love which is the supreme power in our world.



## Pastors' Conference

The Sixth Annual Florida Pastors' Conference conducted by the General Extension Division of Florida will be held in the First Christian Church, 804 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida, with the cooperation of the Department of Religion, University of Florida, and the Florida Council of Churches, Monday and Tuesday, February 15 and 16.

This conference is interdenominational and will consist of a series of seminars, designed to help pastors and religious leaders, all of whom are cordially invited to attend. A discussion period will follow the lectures and addresses.

Among some of the speakers are: Rev. Carlyle Marney, Pastor, Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.; Dr. F. S. C. Northrop, internationally known author and authority on world affairs; and, Dr. S. C. Lee, an authority on Oriental studies.

Many of the student religious foundations will have open house on Monday evening, February 15, beginning at 5:30. Among these foundations are the Wesley Foundation, Presbyterian Student Center, United Lutheran, Baptist Student, Episcopal Student House, Hillel Foundation, Christian (Disciples of Christ), and others.

On Monday morning, February 15, at 10:45, Mr. Chester Bowles will address the University Convocation. All clergymen are invited to attend this Convocation at the Florida Gymnasium, University of Florida Campus.

## Ground Breaking At Sarasota December 20th

St. John's Methodist of Sarasota, a new congregation, broke ground December 20 for their new



church. Dr. Harry H. Waller, District Supt. was present to preside and to turn the first spade full of dirt. The Rev. Claude O. Tucker is pastor.

Mr. Tucker was assigned December 1, 1958. The church was organized last Easter with a membership of 45. Over 100 people belong to the membership now.

The first unit will be a fellowship hall to be used temporarily

as a sanctuary. Also to be included in the initial construction will be several classrooms. Estimated cost of the building is \$35,000. Construction will get underway by February or March.

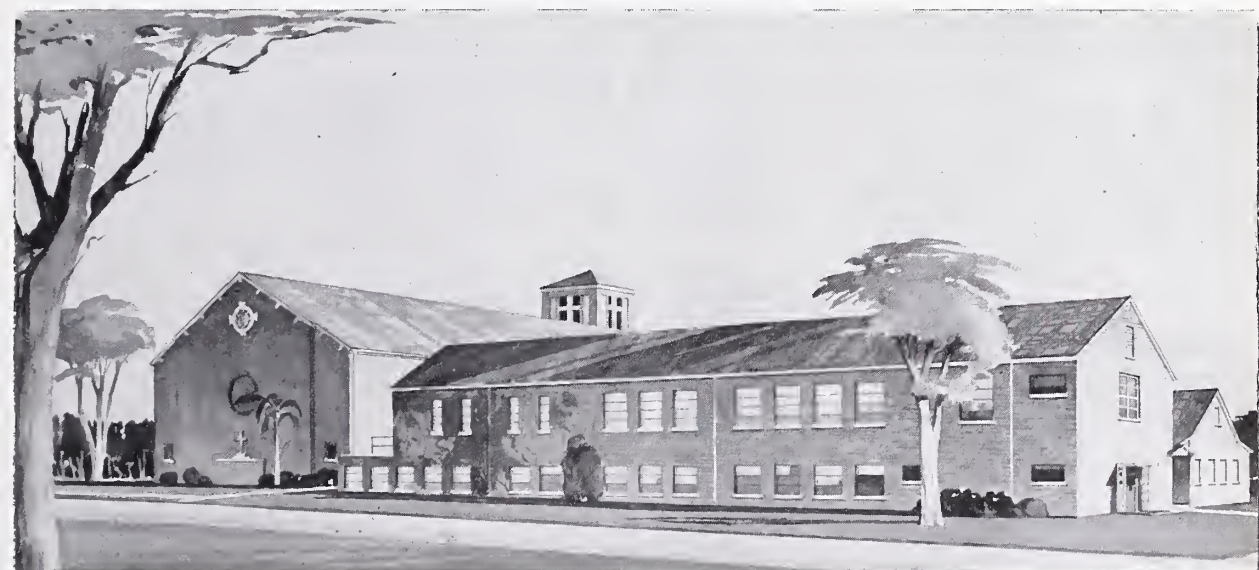
St. John's will be located in the southeast sector of Sarasota on Bee Ridge Rd., in the midst of a newly developing area.

## Prison Chaplain Says "Thank You"

Chaplain E. F. Mayton would like to express his thanks to the Starke Methodist Church and its Pastor, The Rev. H. O. Boyette, for sponsoring a Methodist Bible Class at the Florida State Prison. Also, The Wesley Community Church, the Rev. Gene Zimmerman, Pastor, and the First Methodist Church, the Rev. Fred Martin, Pastor, both of Gainesville, for supplying this class with suitable literature and study material. Shortly, we expect to announce the organization of a Methodist Men's Club at the Institution.

We are most grateful to all the churches that contribute copies of the "Upper Room," and similar publications, for the advancement of our men here in Raiford. May we suggest that any church desiring to send Bibles, publications or subscriptions to Methodist Publications, please write to the Chaplain, P. O. Box 221, Raiford, Florida, for further information. Remember the Chaplain and the men here in your prayers.

## EUSTIS COMPLETES FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN



First Church, Eustis, recently completed a successful drive for \$100,000 to be used for the erection of an educational building and debt retirement. Dr. Laurie G.

Ray, pastor of Hyde Park, Tampa, conducted the campaign.

The proposed building, pictured above, will provide classrooms, a fellowship hall, kitchen, church

office and library. Ground breaking ceremonies are scheduled for the near future.

The Rev. J. F. Talton is the pastor at Eustis.



## World Day of Prayer - March 4, 1960

Today's technical triumphs in communications are at last bringing the world's people closer together. But for almost half a century, hundreds of thousands of Christian people in many lands have been linked together spiritually for twenty-four hours each year during the World Day of Prayer.

Since the first day of Lent in 1887, which a group of Presbyterian women designated as a day of prayer for home missions, the observance has grown to encompass 145 geographical areas on six continents and their neighboring islands "to unite all Christians in a bond of prayer."

Beginning in 1941, it has been one of the most solemn responsibilities to which United Church Women are committed. Since then, women of a different country each year have prepared the World Day of Prayer worship service and chosen its theme. For 1960, this was done by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada under the title, "Labourers Together With God."

The 1960 observance of the Day, which falls on March 4, begins just west of the International Date Line at dawn in the Tonga Islands and circles the globe until the final prayers are offered on St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea. Gathering on March 4 in churches, cathedrals and small chapels all over the world, women will make this a day of supplication reaching beyond all national boundaries with the words: "Lord of the world, make all the lands thine own."

Dedicated through the centuries to making a better world, women have always understood the need for spiritual guidance and strength for their duties as wives, mothers, teachers and pioneers. Because they are also practical, church women in this country and around the earth follow their prayers with offerings on the World Day of Prayer to accomplish the things to which their Christian commitment calls them.

In the 33 states in this country where the Migrant Ministry is at work, World Day of Prayer offerings provide trained field personnel and constantly expand areas of operation to aid many of America's 2,000,000 migrant farm laborers and their families. The spiritual as well as economic vacuum in which people in our low-income farm communities exist is being relieved in part by a network of Vacation Bible Schools, and training institutes for pastors and lay leaders in isolated areas, which World Day

By ELSA KRUUSE  
National Council of Churches

of Prayer gifts help to make possible.

These also provide chaplaincy service in government hospitals in Alaska, and help train Indian lay leaders at Cook Christian Training School in Phoenix, Arizona, and at a Community Service Center in Rapid City, S. D. A part of the fund also goes to a small demonstration farm in Puerto Rico where rural ministers learn and later teach their parishioners ways of better farming.

Education, leadership training and financial backing for Christian broadcasting will be major emphases in the overseas outreach of United Church Women this year. Among these undertakings, a substantial portion of the World Day of Prayer offerings will widen the work of training new literates in underdeveloped countries, particularly at the new institute in Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia established by Lit-Lit. (Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature of the National Council of Churches). And training courses for Christian writers and editors in Africa, Asia

and Latin America can also be expanded during the year.

Eleven Christian colleges for women in the Far East also receive direct support from World Day of Prayer offerings. The annual offering also maintains scholarships for a number of foreign students studying in United States universities and theological seminaries.

One of the newest projects in the churches' overseas work to win World Day of Prayer support is an expanded Christian broadcasting service. Up to \$15,000 from this year's offerings will be earmarked for RAVEMCCO—the National Council of Churches' overseas broadcasting unit—to help build Christian broadcasting facilities in Africa. The unit now maintains studios and transmitters in East Asia and Latin America.

Whether in Austria or Australia, the Fiji Islands or Finland, Korea or Kuwait, Christian women will join on the World Day of Prayer with the twelve million church women in this country represented by the National Council of Churches' general department of United Church Women, and other thousands of women in the Canadian churches as their worship service unites all Christians "in a bond of prayer and Christian fellowship."

### NEW CHAPEL COMPLETED



The new smaller chapel at the First Methodist Church Plant City, Florida, has just been completed, and a service of Holy Communion was held on Sunday night, December 27. The chapel is furnished in Colonial style, matched with mahogany. The members of the Mary-Martha Class provided the organ, and the Frances Wor-

dehoff Class provided wall-to-wall Silver Pine carpeting. One of the stewards of the church, Fred W. Nulter, built the platform, and a new member of the church, C. T. Aniello, made the beautiful communion rail. The Women's Society of Christian Service gave the white altar. The altarware, pews, and lectern were donated.



## THE BOARD OF MISSIONS HAS MOVED



For the first time in 69 years, the general offices of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, and of all its Divisions, have a new address. They are now at **475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.** This is the new "Interchurch Center" into which are moving most of the interdenominational and many of the denominational agencies of Protestantism. **All mail should now be sent to the new address.**

Into this new and efficiently-equipped office building have moved all the offices of the Board of Missions and some related agencies formerly at the Methodist Building, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. Methodists occupy the 13th, 14th and 15th floors of this new 19-story edifice.

To facilitate handling and delivery, the **floor number should also be used**, as for example:

Editorial Department, Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, Board of Missions, Methodist Church, **13th floor**, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.

At the new address, the **Thirteenth Floor** (of the Interchurch Center) will house: The Joint Section of Education and Cultivation (General and Woman's Section); the Library of the Board of Missions; the Office of the History of Missions; the Editorial Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Also on the **Thirteenth Floor** will be located the headquarters of three related Methodist bodies: the New York City Society; the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief; the New York Office of Methodist Information.

The **Fourteenth Floor** will have the offices of the Woman's Division of Christian Service (other than the Office of Missionary Personnel, than the Editorial Department); the Business Office of the Board;

The **Fifteenth Floor** will house the offices and departments of the Division of World Missions; the office of Division of National Missions; the office of the President of the Board of Missions; the accounting office of the Board.

money than he is worth and he will likely produce 50 per cent more work, Bishop Kennedy said.

On the general topic of money and finance, Bishop Kennedy declared that "the way we spend has a tremendous bearing on our lives.

"This much is certain. Nothing is free. There is no short cut, or free way to get what you want.

"What we need to determine is what a thing is worth, and how much we ought to pay. When we borrow we ought to borrow for something worth having, and we ought not to pay more than it is worth."

## Church Attendance In U. S. Levels Off

Worship attendance in the United States leveled off last year after achieving a record high year in 1958, the Gallup Poll has reported. An estimated 49,000,000 adults attended church and synagogue services during a typical week of 1959—or 47 per cent of the adult civilian population (excluding those living in institutions).

"By way of comparison, during an average week in 1958, 49 per cent of the population—or an estimated 50,500,000 adults attended church," the report, issued by the American Institute of Public Opinion, said.

Surveys of representative samples of the adult civilian population were made during selected weeks in the months of March, July and December, 1959. The survey attempted to measure only the average number of adults attending worship during the sample weeks.

A special survey of attendance during Easter Week of 1959 found that 61,200,000 adults went to church or synagogue. This was 59 per cent of the adult population.

In 1940, slightly more than one-third of the adult population went to worship regularly. By 1955, the number had risen to 49 per cent. It hit 49 per cent again in 1958 when 50,500,000—the highest number on record—went at least once a week.

The American Institute of Public Opinion, headed by Dr. George Gallup, is the only organization making a nationwide check on worship attendance. On a national basis, worship attendance is promoted among the general public by the Religion In American Life Program, which in 1959 obtained \$8,000,000 worth of contributed time and space for advertisements in the major media urging all Americans to "Worship Together This Week."

## Underpaid Preachers Are Most Expensive

The most expensive thing churches do is underpay their ministers, Bishop Gerald Kennedy, of Los Angeles, told the 22nd annual meeting of the Methodist Ministers Federal Credit Union.

Some churches look on a low salary as an economy, and while it might seem that they are getting a bargain if they pay a man 10 per cent less than he is worth, over the long run he probably will be 50 per cent less effective.

But give a man 10 per cent more

## Two New Churches In West Palm Beach District

Forty persons attended Sunday School and 60 were at the morning worship service conducted by the Rev. W. M. Lockard at the Palm Bay Estates at the invitation of the management, Mr. and Mrs. James Paul, on January 10. This was the first service of this new church which is being sponsored by First Church, Melbourne. Services will be held temporarily in a trailer park auditorium near Malabar.



## NEW ORGAN IS DEDICATED



A dedication service for the new organ of the College Heights Methodist Church, Lakeland, was held on the afternoon of January 10 with the pastor, the Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, presiding.

The organ was presented for dedication by Harris G. Sims, representing the church's Board of Trustees, and by Mrs. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., representing the Music Committee. It was dedicated in memory of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Pipkin. Lakeland District Superintendent R. A. Alley led the act of dedication. Dr. Laurie G. Ray, pastor at Hyde Park, Tampa, and a former pastor of the local church, and Dr. Clare M. Cotton, pastor at First Church, Lakeland, also participated in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Pipkin were both active in the College Heights Church. Mr. Pipkin served as chairman of the Official Board and was a trustee of Florida Southern College for many years. In presenting the organ, Mr. Sims paid tribute to Mr. Pipkin as an outstanding friend of education and stated that Florida Southern College might not have survived

the financial struggles of its first years in Lakeland had it not been for Mr. Pipkin's loyal and generous support.

Mrs. S. F. Howard, organist at College Heights, played the organ for the service and Robert Parrett, organist at the All Saints' Episcopal Church, Lakeland, played the dedicatory recital which included works by Handel, Bach, Percy F. echer and others.

The \$21,000 organ was built by Mr. Arthur Stopes, a member of the College Heights Church and one of the nation's outstanding organ builders. The specifications for the instrument are the work of Mr. Stopes in collaboration with Mrs. Howard. Requiring nearly a year to complete, this organ is the first ever built in the Lakeland area.

Beware of "secret recipes" for curing cancer, the American Cancer Society warns. Drugs are used to ease pain and prolong life, but no compound has yet been found to cure the disease. Surgery and radiation are still the only means of saving life from cancer.

## Homecoming at Arcadia

Trinity Methodist Church, Arcadia, celebrated its 75th birthday at a Homecoming celebration on January 31. The preacher at the morning hour was the Rev. Milton H. Wyatt, pastor at Morrison Memorial, Leesburg, the only minister who ever served Trinity Church twice. Honored guests for the day included the widow of the Rev. G. W. Sellers, the church's first pastor, and the widow of Bishop John Branscomb who also was a former pastor at Arcadia.

Founded in 1885 by the Rev. Samuel Carson, the church did not have a regular pastor until 1887 when Mr. Sellers took the post. The church now has a congregation of approximately 700 members according to the present pastor, the Rev. R. L. Hayes.

## MSM Players of F. S. C.

The MSM Players, a drama group attached to the Florida Southern College Methodist Student Movement, has gotten off to a good start this year. The first production was a one-act play, "Dust of the Road" by Kenneth Sawyer Goodman. It was presented in the Jackson Religion Building on the Florida Southern campus for the MSM, and five days later was given in the First Methodist Church of Auburndale for the District MYF Conference there. Another performance is planned for March 13 in Clermont. The play was very enjoyable and was a wonderful experience for the Players themselves.

A new play, on an Easter theme, is being planned for April 13 to be presented on campus. It is hoped that this play also will be given in other towns.

## Training School Held At Key West Recently

Dr. D. Trigg James, an executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and Dr. R. Ira Barnett, former executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education, were the instructors in a Christian Workers' School in which the churches of Key West cooperated recently. First Church, Fleming Street, Ley Memorial, El Salvador and Big Coppitt were the participating churches.

The School was held in the Fleming Street Church where the Rev. L. E. Watkins was both host pastor and dean of the school. He reports a total enrollment of 82 with 11 cards for credit being issued in what was felt to be a very successful school.



# Woman's Society of Christian Service

## and Wesleyan Service Guild

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Jacksonville District

The above picture shows the lovely Christmas tree, gifts and guest for the first Christmas Tea given at Brewster Methodist Hospital, Dec. 12, 1959. The gifts were from the various Societies in the Jacksonville District and were presented to the Student Nurse living in the Brewster School of Nursing.

The Jacksonville District was saddened a few days before Christmas, when news was received of the death of Miss Florence Jones, a former superintendent of Brewster Methodist Hospital for fifteen years. Miss Jones was killed in an automobile accident Dec. 3rd, when on her way to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. West Amalong in Casselberry, Fla. Miss Jones was driving alone and apparently lost control of her car when it ran off the road, turned over and threw her out. Since retirement Miss Jones had lived in Jacksonville, was a member of First Methodist Church and President of The Wesleyan Service Guild. Memories of her kind acts and interest in Brewster Hospital will long be remembered. Funeral services were held in First Methodist Church, Dec. 26th by the minister, Dr. H. Melton Ware. The body was forwarded to Pitcairn, Pa. for services and interment.

Mrs. Edwin B. White of Riverside Park Methodist Church was



Mrs. White

the teacher of two credited classes in the Christian Workers School, West Palm Beach, directed by the Methodist Churches of West Palm Beach County. Mrs. White taught one class in the morning on the work of United Church Women. The evening class was Luke's Portrait of Christ. Following this school, Mrs. White flew to Buck Hill Falls for the meeting of The Co-ordinating Council of The Methodist Church.

Methodist Women of Jacksonville District are proud to have had Mrs. White elected President of The United Church Women of Greater Jacksonville.

Miss Virginia Burner, Jacksonville District Secretary of The Wesleyan Service Guild, announces the Annual District meeting of the Guilds for Feb. 26th in the Southside Methodist Church. Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy will conduct the installation of new officers.

Mrs. M. D. Duncan, Local Secretary of Public Relations for The Ortega Woman's Society, sends to

us the following story of a Safari to Africa which the members of the Woman's Society made Thursday, Jan. 14th. When they gathered at the Fellowship Hall they found it transplanted into a jungle village, with a life-size replica of a thatched hut, native drums and cooking utensils, palm trees and palmetto branches and an African warrior menacing all.

The program began with a group of native women chanting a hymn to the accompaniment of the drum. The devotional featured a brief sermon such as Dr. Albert Schweitzer uses to teach his people each Sunday; this was presented by Mrs. A. M. Killebrew. Mrs. George Hammer guided the Safari through an overall picture of Africa, its geography and inaccessibility, its varied climates and tribes, its history with regard to western civilization. The changes now taking place from the old Africa to the new Africa which is emerging with its tragic problems were discussed by Mrs. Lewis Cheatham. After luncheon, which featured dishes similar to typical African foods, members of each Circle called attention to the work being done by the church to help bridge the gap and improve conditions in this changing world. Mrs. Wm. McCaulie taught a literacy class using same materials and charts used to teach the natives to read. The Safari came to a close with the showing of the film "Congo Journey" with all feeling they had received a valuable insight into the Africa of today, its problems and its great needs. ACTION from this study was directed in the offering of \$21.00.

Mrs. B. F. Williams, Secretary of Student Work in the Arlington Methodist Church, has sent to Mrs. Richard Beurth, District Sec. of Student Work, a report which she wishes to share with us:—The Arlington Church has 28 students in college. They gave a program on Student Recognition Day at the evening service. Six students spoke of the religious activities on campus. They represented U. of Fla., Stetson, Wesleyan, F.S.U. and U. of New Mexico.

One spoke of the religious aspect of his fraternity which was based on religion and was not just



for fun. All spoke highly of religious activities on their campus, especially U. of Fla. and Stetson. All were enthused about activities sponsored by the church. Arlington has one student studying for the ministry and a young lady preparing for full time Christian Service. Open house was held for all college students, young people in the armed services or working in the college age group. Foreign students from the Jacksonville University were invited and attended. Thirty-five students and others enjoyed the fellowship which this service rendered.

#### Lakeland District

Mrs. S. Lloyd Frisbie, Lakeland District Sec. of Public Relations, calls our attention to an error in our 'copy' of January, 1960, when we gave credit to her for some lines of verse which were written by their District President, Mrs. Earle Rabb. The lines are so good they bear repeating with our apology:

Peace in heart, home and nation,  
Hope in each trying situation,  
Joy that comes thru loving deeds,  
Prosperity to meet your needs,  
Happiness to share each hour,  
Faith in God's sustaining Power,  
Health of body, mind and soul,  
Serenity, poise and self control,  
The Spirit of Christ all your  
life thru,  
This is my wish for you, and  
you and you.

#### Miami District

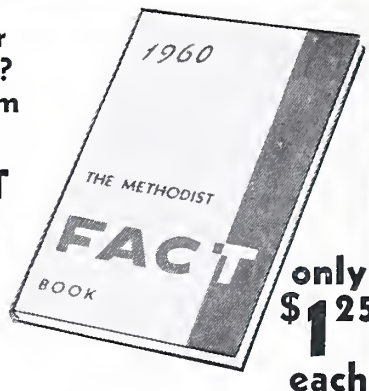
Mrs. J. Grady Phelps, District Sec. of Public Relations, tells us of a new Auxiliary Committee which has been organized for the Miami Latin Center under the direction of Mrs. W. S. DeBorde, Miami Dist. Sec. of Supply Work and Mrs. Stanley Biedron, chairman of the Center Committee of the Board of Managers of the Miami Latin Center. The committee is composed of all Secretaries of Supply work in the Woman's Societies of Greater Miami.

The purpose of this auxiliary is to learn more about Miami Latin Center in order to better interpret the Center and its needs. At the organization meeting, the Director, Miss Lillian Kelly explained the program conducted at the Center and suggested needs that can be provided by women of Miami. Mrs. A. F. Taylor, treasurer of Miami Latin Center, explained how supply monies are used at the Center. Mrs. Biedron explained the organizational connection of the Center to the Department of Urban Work in the Woman's Division and paid tribute to Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Chester Salb, who have served the Board of Manager since its organization ten years ago.

The Auxilliary will meet several times a year to undergird the work of the Miami Latin Center. Miss Dorothy McConnell, Editor of the World Outlook, will be the teacher of the Christian Social Relations Study of the Woman's Society at the Christian Worker's School for the Miami District. The study will be "Contemporary man and the United Nations,"

written by Margaret Bender and Dorothy McConnell. This study will be presented in the evening at Grace Church, Feb. 14-18 and at Coral Gables First Church, Feb. 21-25. There will be a class in the morning hours Feb. 18-25. This Allapattah Church during the study will also be given at Homestead and Hollywood with the Rev. Mr. Caxton Doggett teaching

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one of the classes. On Friday, Feb. 19, Miss McConnell will be guest speaker for the Annual meeting of the Woman's Society and The Wesleyan Service Guild of Trinity Methodist Church. Mrs. Otis King, President of the Society invites all District Officers and others to this event. Mrs. Phelps also reports there were a number of individual circles in Woman's Societies of the District who took Christmas to residents of the Biscayne Manor, (Name of Miami Dist. Methodist Home for the Aged).

#### St. Petersburg District

Mrs. Thomas C. Kern tells us:—David Hamilton Reynolds, a nephew of Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, minister of Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg, was an outstanding speaker at the January meeting of the Woman's Society of Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg. Mr. Reynolds is now a graduate student at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and plans to return to his native Africa to follow in the footsteps of his missionary parents, The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Reynolds. He spoke movingly and with a sincerity which pictures his great understanding of the African people and their problems.

Mrs. R. V. Pastorius, of the Leatha Lehman Circle, Woman's Society of Belmont Park Methodist Church, Clearwater, sends us a story of a "Come as you are" Breakfast given for the membership of the Society. Breakfast was served in Barnes Hall with over fifty attending. The date was kept secret from everyone except the chairman of each circle, until they called at the homes of the members and brought them to breakfast just as they were dressed. Everyone had an enjoyable time and the proceeds from the breakfast amounted to more than twenty dollars which was sent to the Richard Peterson family in Honokaa, Hawaii. Twenty-five cents was charged for the breakfast which consisted of Danish pastry, cinnamon toast, coffee or tea.

Mrs. Virgil Morgan, Conference Sec. of Promotion has issued an interesting summary of recent Pilot Studies on Employed Women and The Church, which were done in the Districts. Only fourteen Societies in the Fla. Conference Woman's Society participated in this study. Mrs. Morgan sends a word of appreciation to those who assisted in this part of the Society program.

There were many comments saying how helpful the studies had been, showing many areas that needed strengthening, showing needs of the community and

the number of women who needed to be reached, plus the good that was accomplished all the time. Areas to be studied were divided into Rural, Small Towns and Urban. Churches reporting for the Rural were Archer, Greensboro, and LaBelle. Small towns—Cross City, Apopka, Arcadia, Live Oak, Seffner. Urban—Trinity, Miami, Daytona Beach, Clearwater, First Church Fort Lauderdale, Riverside Park, Jacksonville and Fairfield, Jacksonville. Population ranged anywhere from 400-920,000. Number in Societies from 25-556. Women in the churches from 32-1500 (no church fully organized with all women members of Woman's Society).

More married women are working than single women. More working full time, than part-time, many are mothers with small children. Suggestions for strengthening the general program of the church were: Organized programs for older folks; Help get facilities for nurseries for children of workers; better training for giving good programs. Better distribution of Methodist literature for members of the church; rotation of church school teachers; more stress on full-time Christian Service should be a constant church program; classes in Methodism. Church should make its Missionary program more vital to members (felt the Woman's Society did a good job of their work but the church did not), more Bible classes; greater need to understand the total program of the church (perhaps periodic classes of instruction for those who felt the need of it).

Remember the new slogan for Promotion—Reach, Teach, Enlist.

Dates to remember — Feb. 28—March 6; Week of Dedication.

March 4—World Day of Prayer — Theme "Labourers Together with God." Let us double our attendance this year as the best foundation for the seventy-fifth observance of this day — Next Year.

March 8 — South Georgia Conference Woman's Society — 'Retreat' at Epworth by the Sea. Florida Conference Woman's Society has been invited to attend. Have YOU made your reservation? — See January 1st Fla. Methodist page 11 Woman's Society news. Reservations must be made by March 4. Dates for the District Annual Meetings are listed below. Mrs. Howard V. Weems and Mrs. Edwin B. White will be itinerating guest.

March 10 — Miami District — Rader Memorial Church, Miami.

March 11—Sarasota District — First Church, Arcadia.

March 15—Tallahassee District

—Centenary Church, Quincy.

March 16—Jacksonville District

—Southside Church, Jacksonville.

March 17 — Gainesville District

—First Church, Ocala.

March 18 — West Palm Beach

District—First Church, Melbourne.

March 22 — Tampa District —

Hyde Park Church, Tampa.

March 23—St. Petersburg Dis-

trict — Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg.

March 24—Lakeland District —

Beymer Memorial Church, Winter Haven.

March 25—Orlando District —

First Church, Orlando.

We close these pages with a few thoughts from the program booklet, the program for February — "This is the Day" — written by Miss Amy Lee who is a roving reporter for the World Outlook and one who has seen many sides of the City Mission Work.

If you do not have an organized Community Center the same type of work could be and probably is carried on by other groups to which you lend your aid, also your contributing to the Supply Work of your Conference for the Centers within your own State and Churches. Mission Work in any City, town or hamlet is a service to all who have a need—the need of all men for God—the hungry for food, the unemployed for the dignity of work, the joyous for fellowship, the child for expression, the hated for acceptance, the youth for dedication, the aged for companionship.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rivers, Sr., leaders in the Snyder Memorial Church, Jacksonville, for fifty years, were honored at a reception on January 22nd celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mr. Rivers is in his 46th year as treasurer of his church.

Dr. James A. Godard, dean of administration and executive vice president of the University of Miami, Florida, has been named the first executive director of the recently formed Council of Protestant Colleges and Universities.

The Rev. and Mrs. John M. Fletcher of St. Andrews, Ft. Lauderdale, announce the arrival of Jon Mark Fletcher on Sunday, January 10.

Dr. C. R. Simboli, professor of religion at Florida Southern College and a retired Baptist minister, will conduct the church-wide School of Missions at Trinity, Lakeland, where he is now a member.

The Rev. Monroe C. Hatch, pastor at Arlington and Jacksonville District Missionary Secretary, recently exchanged pulpits with the Rev. C. H. Rasmussen, pastor at Fairfield, Jacksonville, in order to bring an evening of missionary emphasis to Fairfield.

Dr. Harry H. Waller, former Superintendent of the Tampa District, now serving the Sarasota District, was the homecoming preacher for the Rev. M. A. Sen-Senbrenner and the people of Grace Church, Tampa, when they celebrated their 2nd anniversary in their new sanctuary recently.

Dr. Horace Greeley Smith, for 21 years (1932-1953) the president of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., and now a winter resident in Florida, preached at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, on January 10.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. Harold Miller, pastor at First Church, Dade City, announce the arrival of a new daughter on January 11th.

Dr. Robert C. Holmes, Conference Church Extension Secretary, spoke to the January meetings of Methodist Men at both First Church, Lakeland, and Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven.

Miss Elizabeth Lee, secretary for Advance Specials for M.C.O.R.,

## Successor Appointed



DR. W. EARL STRICKLAND

Dr. J. Foster Young of Thomson, Georgia, a veteran North Georgia minister was called out of retirement to become the superintendent of the Augusta District of the North Georgia Conference succeeding Dr. W. Earl Strickland, newly chosen president of Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia.

A story on Dr. Strickland's election at Wesleyan appeared in the last issue of The Florida Methodist.

## NEW EQUIPMENT AT SILVER PALM

New equipment has been purchased and the classrooms have been redecorated in the Children's Division at Silver Palm, Princeton. Many other classrooms also have been painted.

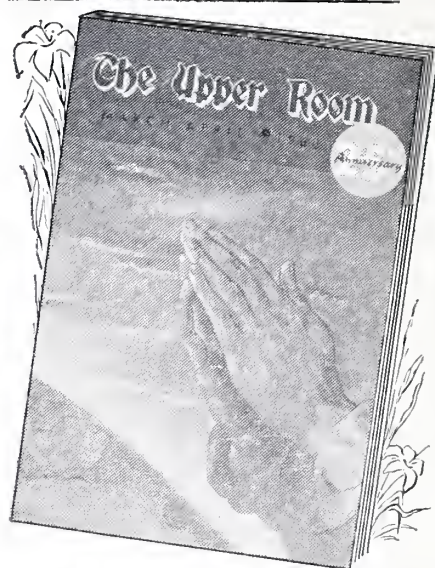
spoke at the Arlington Church, Jacksonville, on January 24.

The Rev. and Mrs. Harry Long, Jr., announce the arrival of Harry Glenn Long, III, on December 9, 1959. The father is the associate pastor at the Northwood Church, West Palm Beach.

Bishop Newell S. Booth, resident bishop of the Elizabethtown Area in the Belgian Congo, Africa, preached at First Church, St. Petersburg, on January 31. Bishop Newell has done an outstanding work in developing African national leadership. He currently is appearing as a Christian Ambassador on the Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies and will be heard in St. Petersburg, Tampa, Clearwater, Bradenton, Sarasota and at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, January 31-February 9.

## GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

As a part of the church-wide School of Missions, the Rev. H. T. Heitzenrater and the people of First Church, Clermont, enjoyed a trip to Africa in sound and color with Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, of the Pittsburgh Area, and then



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a conversation via telephone with **Bishop Ralph Dodge** of Africa who is in this country as a Christian Ambassador on the Chain of Missionary Assemblies.

Methodist Men of First Church, Bartow, will sponsor the appearance of the University of Florida Symphonic Band in that city on February 3rd.

Christ Church, St. Petersburg, has installed a "Your Pastor's Voice Prayer Phone." At any time of day or night any individual may dial 7-8221 and hear a brief meditation and prayer by one of the ministers of the church. The installation of the phone and the first month's operation was provided by **Dr. and Mrs. William R. Leslie**.

The Senior High M.Y.F. at Eustis is carrying tape recordings of special programs of the church to shut-in members.

Oh well, I suppose "What is one man's meat is another man's poison." In any event a Florida church recently announced a "program . . . which features gospel singing interspersed with antidotes."

The **James Van Koevering Family**, musical evangelists, presented a concert playing Swiss bells and many other novel instruments, at First Church, St. Petersburg, on January 17.

The annual Pulpit exchange Sunday at Bartow on January 17 saw the **Rev. William Irwin** of Asbury Methodist preaching at the First Christian Church and the **Rev. George Harper** of First Methodist at the Bartow Air Base chapel. Occupying the pulpit of the Alturas Church was the **Rev. Dale Martin** of the Church of the Nazarene and of Asbury the **Rev. F. T. Read** of McLeod Presbyterian Church. First Methodist drew another Methodist, the **Rev. L. E. Denslow** of Alturas.

Methodist Men at Keystone recently netted more than \$200 at a pie, cake and ice cream social to be used for sponsoring 2 Scouts to the Golden Jubilee of Scouting to be held this year in Colorado Springs.

The Junior Choir at Eustis, directed by **Mrs. F. E. Sawyer**, now has maroon robes with gold stoles to match the senior choir.

The Rebel Quartet, popular singers of gospel songs and spirituals, gave a sacred concert at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, on January 17th.

## BUILDINGS and IMPROVEMENTS

Wesley Memorial Church, Lakeland, needed a new roof the **Rev. J. Marvin Sweat** told his congregation recently. It wasn't long before some \$750.00 had been contributed to the "Roof fund" and it looked, at last report as though the new roof would be obtained without serious drain on the church budget.

The Methodist Men of North Shore, Jacksonville, have recently renovated the sanctuary and remodeled the pastor's study. In the latter project the walls and ceiling have been paneled, the furniture refinished, a new carpet laid and new draperies hung.

Christmas cards sold by **Mrs. L. L. Peterson** of the W.S.C.S. were responsible for a \$100 donation to the fund being raised for a new parsonage for Trinity Church, Lakeland. The total now is nearing \$1200.00.



Grace Church, Tampa, has just completed the above first unit of its proposed Educational Plant. The building provides additional classrooms to permit expansion.

An expansion and improvement program for First Church, Haines City, to cost approximately \$28,000, has been approved by the members. Included will be the purchase and remodeling of a house to be used for a parsonage, additional Sunday School rooms, and air conditioning of the sanctuary and social hall. The **Rev. Robert D. Bledsoe** is serving his first year as pastor of the church.

First Church, Ft. Lauderdale consecrated an \$18,000 Allen organ recently.

First Church, Dade City, has secured a parking lot to meet the pressing need for more parking space.

## VISITING EVANGELIST

The **Rev. Ford Philpot**, evangelist, helped the **Rev. Henry L. Kinward, Jr.**, pastor, in special meetings at Zephyrhills last month.

## Unusual Graduation

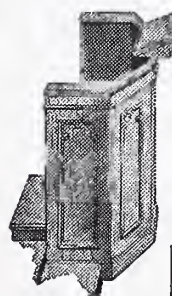
College graduation for **Major Elmer E. Banks**, United States Army (ret.), was in Room 319 at Lakeland's General Hospital.

Florida Southern College President **Charles T. Thrift, Jr.**, announced that a special ceremony would be arranged so that the 42-year-old senior could receive his diploma at the same hour as his classmates on Saturday, January 30.

**Banks**, who escaped injury in 22 years of military service, was critically injured January 7 when he was pinned against a wall by a careening automobile.

**Dr. Thrift** commissioned former **Major Corning F. Tolle**, United States Army Chaplains' Corps, to present **Banks** with his bachelor of science degree when his name was called during Florida Southern's 75th mid-year commencement convocation at the First Methodist Church. **Tolle**, now business manager at the college, was a chaplain during World War II.

**Banks** was an education major at Florida Southern. He was walking near the Lakeland Junior High School on a teaching internship assignment at the time of the accident. **Banks** received his diploma with honors.



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## On A Wide Circuit . . .

### "SHE JUST LIKES TO SING"

The pre-Christmas party was in a festive mood, and hymns and non-hymnal songs of the season were the order of the evening. Someone started to sing:

"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,

Just like the ones I used to know . . ."

And I noticed that my seven-year-old friend was the most enthusiastic singer; she just "let go," and gave it everything she had—and it was good! But I got to wondering: Had there been a **White Christmas** anywhere she and I had been these seven years—one she "used to know?" . . . I asked her father. "No," he laughed, "she has never seen a white Christmas; she just likes to sing!"

Then it came to me that here was a perfect example of what we all too readily do when we sing our hymns in church: we like to sing; we like certain music—"catchy" sometimes, "classical" sometimes; but we pay little or no attention to the thought the writer of the words tried to convey. My little friend would have enjoyed singing about a "green rabbit," or a "blue Sabbath," just about as well as a "white Christmas"—if it had as intriguing a tune. And, I fear, we often care as little about the meaning, or the theology, or the educational values, or the spiritual values, in the hymns: we just "like to sing something we 'know'."

The other day, I was talking with a non-Methodist clergyman about the really excellent new hymnal his denomination recently issued. He agreed—in general—and then exploded: "When they decided to include one Fanny Crosby gospel song, why did they have to choose that banal, 'Pass me not, O gentle Savior . . . When on others thou art calling, Do not pass me by . . .'"

"The theology is terrible! What a song to have children—or adults either—singing for the next twenty years! Christ does not pass anybody by! He goes out looking for them; he is eager to find them; he is the 'Hound of Heaven' following them down the road! This theological implication, that we have to plead not to be 'passed by' by Christ, is as bad as the doctrine of predestination!"

I am always amused—sometimes frightened—when someone in church position defends some song with abominable music and inadequate (or false) theology by

By W. W. REID

proclaiming, "My sainted mother sang that for 60 years!" or "I was converted under the singing of those words!" I am always tempted to wonder, "What might he not have been had he known (or been converted under) a song that exalted God, or that taught high Christian ideals?" Some of the inadequacies of our religious living may well be due to the too-low ideals of hymns under which we were converted. It **does** matter what the religious content is in the songs mother sings her child—or that the Sunday School teaches him. As for the convert: might not **stirring mass singing** have moved his heart even more had the **words** had rich Christian meaning?

The Christian hymn can and **should be** as much an effective avenue for teaching, for inspiring, for troubling the spirit, and for conversion, as is the sermon or the prayer. It needs to be lifted out of the areas of tawdry, and often meaningless and unpoetic, words; and out of tunes that sometimes even Tin Pan Alley would not tolerate. Above all else, the hymns should carry a message, a prayer, a conviction, consonant with the needs, and hopes, and aspirations of men today. This cannot be done with yesterday's gospel song patter—or with anything less than the best we have theologically poetically, musically.

And here I would speak especially to the pastor: You, Mr. Pastor, may feel you are not a musician, and it may be right to leave the **music** to the choir director. But **you** are the leader who can teach people through the text of hymns. Why not, on occasion, have your congregation **read** a hymn (perhaps responsively), while you **study together** the message of the hymn? Why not use a "new" hymn as a ser-

mon text? Even reading a stanza before singing will call attention to **ideas** and to the author's objective: instruction, prayer, exhortation, worship. About the only written continuation of the Book of the Acts of the Apostles is the record in the great hymns of the church. And that record is being written even in our day. The hymns are an ongoing Gospel speaking to men. Their texts can be one of your most valuable educational tools.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

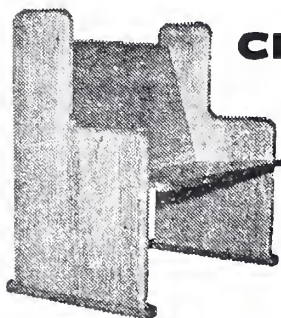
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the minister should be. There is long religious tradition for it. He places on his gown when he goes into the sanctuary. He removes it when he leaves. It conceals his individuality of dress and proportions and symbolizes the dignity of the task in which he is engaged. In this respect the reason for gowned ministers is the same as for robed choirs. The worshiper more easily adjusts to uniformity in appearance.

"The entry of the choir and clergy is also a matter of individual taste and cultural background. In Florida churches many different backgrounds and tastes are represented. If the choir enters by a processional in vestments, the clergy should follow the same procedure. Otherwise, the processional should be dropped.

"The Commission on Worship has studied the matter, and conferred with the ministers. It recommended and the Board approved an experimental period directed by the ministers. Thus in recent weeks the ministers have joined the processional in clergy gowns. Before the period is concluded, gowns in white and black will be worn, with and without hoods, and perhaps stoles. At the conclusion, the congregation will be given opportunity to register its preferences. The results will go to the Commission on Worship and the Board for determination."

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ST. LOUIS — Bishop Ivan Lee Holt was honored Jan. 11 by University Church here, where 50 years ago as a young minister he organized the congregation and served his first pastorate in The Methodist Church.

In a leading editorial that day, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat paid tribute to Bishop Holt as "one of the great churchmen of the world" who in half a century "has preached in more pulpits of more denominations than perhaps any living man." It cited his service as president of the former Federal Council of Churches, the World Methodist Council, and other ecumenical bodies.

The editorial said in part: "The honors which have come to Bishop Holt through the years in the forms of honorary degrees, innumerable citations and resolutions of gratitude have left him still the humble, dedicated and consecrated minister he was when he came to St. Louis that winter's day more than a half-century ago.

"Those who join in honoring Bishop Holt tonight at University Church express not only their own gratitude for a life well lived in the service of God and man, but the thanks of thousands, indeed millions of people in every corner of the world whose lives have been enriched by their contact with this noble gentleman."

Although retired in 1956 by the age rule, Bishop Holt was recently called back into active service to administer the church's Nebraska Area until a new bishop is assigned next summer to succeed the late Bishop H. Bascom Watts.

The bishop also will be speaking in a number of Preaching Missions in Florida churches this winter. His Florida schedule includes:

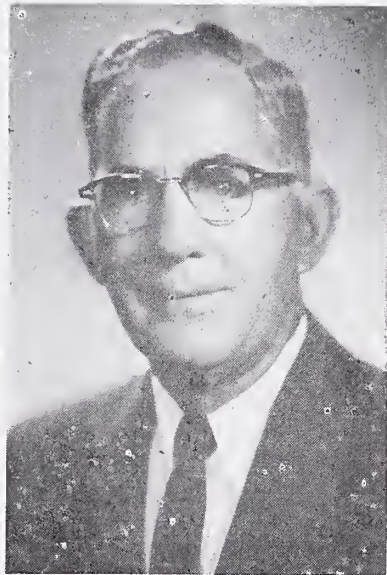
- Week of February 28th — First Methodist Church, Winter Park.
- Week of March 6th — First Methodist Church, Bradenton.
- Week of March 13th — Park Temple, Fort Lauderdale.
- Week of March 20th — First Methodist Church, Fort Myers.
- Week of March 27th — Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven.
- Week of April 3rd — Christ Church, St. Petersburg.

REV. LONG CONDUCTS SERVICE

A new congregation is being assembled at Rolling Green Ridge, a new development near Hypoluxo. The Rev. Harry G. Long, Jr., of the Northwood Church, West Palm Beach, conducted the first service in one of the stores of a new shopping center on January 17th with 44 persons attending. A Sunday School was begun January 31.

Gainesville District Organizes New Churches

Dr. E. J. McKinley, District Superintendent of the Gainesville District, began the new year by



E. J. McKINLEY, Dist. Supt.

organizing the Fort McCoy Methodist Church on January 3. The Rev. M. E. Myer, who retired from the itinerant ministry at the last session of the Annual Conference, is serving the new church and played a great part in its formal organization. The Sunday School was organized in October, 1959, with Harmon E. Chesser as superintendent and the congregation has been meeting temporarily in the Greenwood Church on the Sparr Highway. Twenty-seven charter members were received into the fellowship of the church at the organizational meeting, a Quarterly Conference was held, an Official Board elected and plans made for the early organization of a W.S.C.S.

On the following Sunday, January 10, Dr. McKinley again preached and formally organized what is to be known as the Trinity Methodist Church of Gainesville.

This work was begun on August 2, 1959, by the Rev. W. H. Lewis who continues as the pastor. Dr. E. C. Gamble of Keystone Heights, also has been appointed as an assistant to Mr. Lewis.

This new church was organized with 91 members and with some 30 enrolled on the preparatory roll.

REVIVAL AT LAKE PLACID

Dr. John R. Church, well known evangelist, is currently conducting a revival at Lake Placid. Mr. Ed Carwithen and the Rev. Herb Bowdoin are the song leaders.

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## Orlando First Methodist Church Plans Building

Members of the First Methodist Church of Orlando have successfully completed the largest fund



**DR. E. J. PENDERGRASS**

raising program in the history of the church.

"In slightly more than 14 days," Dr. E. J. Pendergrass, pastor, said, "\$646,000 was pledged by our membership toward the church's New Sanctuary Building Fund, \$21,000 more than the amount set as our immediate goal. Since the close of the campaign, other pledges and cash have come in to increase our total to \$664,738."

"I believe it is the largest total pledge of any church toward any building program in the Florida Conference," he said.

The executive committee was headed by Dr. Alton E. Lowe, director of the Methodist Church's Department of Finance and Field Service, Board of Missions. Orlando First Church members serving on the committee were Fletcher G. Rush, general chairman; Mrs. Sam F. Ricker, canvassing chairman; O. P. Hewitt, Jr., larger gifts chairman, and Robert F. MacLeish, publicity chairman.

The 982 seating capacity of the present sanctuary, constructed in 1913 at a cost of approximately \$50,000, has long been inadequate. The new edifice will provide for a much larger seating capacity.

Over 500 members served as canvassers. First of the double-pronged drive was a solicitation of the church membership classified in the larger gifts division. 66.1 per cent of the total monies subscribed to the New Sanctuary Fund came from this group.

Second phase — the general membership canvass — was set

## Dr. Smith Hardin

Dr. Smith Hardin, 90, one of Florida's best known ministers, died at his home in Bradenton on January 11th.

Admitted to the Florida Conference in 1895, Dr. Hardin was the second oldest member of the Conference in terms of Conference affiliation. Beginning his ministry at the old Bassinger Mission, he served many churches throughout the state during the 47½ years of his effective ministry. He retired in 1942.

During his ministry, Dr. Hardin served three terms as a Presiding Elder or District Superintendent. He also served for a time as the Financial Agent and Superintendent of the Florida Methodist Children's Home, then known as the Florida Methodist Orphanage. Hardin Hall, the Home's administration building, is named in his honor. Dr. Hardin had the honor of being elected several times as a delegate to the General Conference.

Dr. Hardin was a native of Chester, S. C., the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neely Hardin. Those surviving him include his son, Walter S. Hardin of Bradenton, with whom he had been making his home; a brother, Dr. H. Carter Hardin of Lakeland, a retired member of the Florida Conference; Miss Janet Hardin of Lakeland, a niece, who is the secretary in the office of the Conference Board of Education; and a nephew, Chaplain Harvey M. Hardin, U. S. Army, now serving in France.

Funeral services were held on January 13 at First Church, Bradenton, where Dr. Hardin had served as pastor from 1920-1925. It was during his pastorate that this church was built. The services were conducted by Dr. Harry H. Waller, Sarasota District Superintendent, Dr. Don A. Cooke, pastor of the church, and the Rev. John F. Clark. Interment was at the mausoleum in the Roselawn Cemetery, Lakeland. Dr. W. A. Myers, Dr. Clare M. Cotton and the Rev. Charles A. Thompson assisted Dr. Waller in the committal service.

from December 6 through 10. Canvassers made solicitations in teams of two. A baby sitter was provided by the Orlando church for parents with small children.

Final step in completion of the new sanctuary will be made in the next several weeks, during which time a building committee will make plans for actual architectural layout, including conversion of the present sanctuary for youth and other church activities.

Total cost of the new building is set at approximately \$1 million.

## Emory's Dr. Jordan Writes His 17th Book

Dr. G. Ray Jordan, professor of homiletics (preaching) at Emory University, has written his 17th



**DR. G. RAY JORDAN**

book. The new work, entitled **Religion That Is Eternal**, will be published this spring by the Macmillan Company.

Dr. Jordan has authored more books than any other Emory faculty member, and seven of his works have been Pulpit Book Club selections. His writings have been chiefly in the fields of homiletics, studies for youth, sermons and devotionals.

In **Religion That Is Eternal**, the author's purpose is to face the momentous changes in the space age and the consequent effects on human lives. The lasting values of the Christian religion can and must meet these challenges, Dr. Jordan asserts. The new book is an effort to show how persons can experience lasting religion and learn the practical meaning of God's presence and power, the author said.

Dr. Jordan is a well-known lecturer and preacher, and has served the Methodist Church as a member of its Board of Education and its Peace Commission, as delegate to general and world conferences, and as pastor of churches in Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem and Charlotte, North Carolina. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Theta Phi, and Omicron Delta Kappa honorary societies. In 1958, he was educational director and host for the Christian Round-the-World-Seminar.



## Protestants Denounce Anti-Semetism Activity

A group of distinguished Protestant leaders has denounced outbreaks of anti-Semitism in this country and Europe and offered fullest sympathy to world Jewry.

In a statement that questioned whether the outbreaks are "simply isolated acts," the church leaders declared:

"We pledge our support and friendship to the Jewish communities of the world and we pray that all Christians in America will join in this pledge and act upon it."

The statement was issued by twenty-one church leaders in all, among them heads of denominations, a number of bishops, heads of interchurch agencies within Protestantism and prominent pastors and evangelists including Dr. Billy Graham, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Dr. Robert MacCracken and Dr. Ralph Sockman, the latter three all of New York.

The full text of the statement follows:

"As every man of good will must, we abhor the outbreak of anti-Semitism which began in Europe a few days ago and has now spread to the United States. We question whether the attacks upon our Jewish brethren are simply isolated acts of vandalism by juvenile delinquents and other irresponsible persons. It appears to us that there is a pattern apparent that shows a central organizing force of the same vicious type that existed in Nazi Germany. We want to express our deep regret that such acts can occur either here or abroad, and to offer our sympathy to the Jews of the world and our solidarity with them in combating this evil.

"We believe it is incumbent upon all men of good will to express their disapproval of this lawlessness and to call upon police agencies and the community at large vigorously to stamp it out.

"We also believe that it is the duty of the democratic nations of the world to seek out and expose people who are advocating, openly or secretly, the Nazi philosophy of racism. It is especially important that such persons should be deprived of the opportunity to influence young people.

"We pledge our support and friendship to the Jewish communities of the world and we pray that all Christians in America will join in this pledge and act upon it."

## Board of Evangelism To Meet February 23 - 25

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church will have its



**BISHOP FRANK SMITH**

annual meeting February 23-25 at the La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The board will review its work of the 1956-60 quadrennium and plan ahead.

Principal speakers will be Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, president of the board; Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the board; Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg, Tenn., president of the Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service; Methodist Bishop A. Frank Smith, Houston, Texas; the Rev. Dr. Don W. Holter, president of National Methodist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.; the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn, Chicago, general secretary of the Methodist Commission on Promotion and Cultivation; and Methodist Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Des Moines, Iowa.

Bishop A. Frank Smith will be the speaker for a dinner honoring Bishops W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, N. Y.; J. W. E. Bowen, Atlanta, Ga.; and H. Clifford Northcott, Madison, Wis. The three to be honored are members of the board, and all will retire in 1960.

A mass meeting February 24 at St. John's Methodist Church, Santa Fe, will be held in connection with the board meeting. Speaker for it will be the Rev. Dr. Charles Ray Goff, pastor of Chicago Temple, the skyscraper Methodist Church in Chicago.

The General Board of Evangelism, from its Nashville headquar-

ters, promotes Methodism's evangelistic work internationally (in cooperation with the Methodist Board of Missions), nationally, regionally, and in the denomination's approximately 40,000 churches. Its 47 members include seven bishops, other ministers, and laymen.

Several visitors are expected to attend the meeting, including a number of evangelistic leaders of the New Mexico Methodist Conference.

Santa Fe, second oldest city in the United States, is in Methodism's Oklahoma-New Mexico Area, of which Bishop W. Angie Smith is the resident bishop.



**WISCONSIN GIRL NAMED "MISS METHODIST STUDENT NURSE"**

—Miss Claudia L. Kunsman of Superior, Wis., has been chosen "Miss Methodist Student Nurse" for 1960. She is a senior in the school of nursing at the Methodist Hospital in Madison, Wis. Picked by the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes in Chicago from a field of high-ranking student nurses in Methodist hospital schools of nursing throughout the nation, Miss Kunsman will be the guest of honor at the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 16-18.

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## THE REVIVAL CIRCUIT

The Rev. R. M. Blackburn, pastor at Trinity, DeLand, was the preacher in meetings held recently at St. John's, Tampa, where his brother, the Rev. B. R. Blackburn, is the pastor.

**Church Lay Leader C. L. (Orin) Reynolds** conducted the evening service at Lake Placid recently while the pastor, the Rev. Harry Parham, was preaching in a revival at Seminole Heights, Tampa.

The Rev. T. Newton Wise, Secretary of the American Bible Society, will help the Rev. John R. Sanderson and the congregation of the Venice-Nokomis Church in a Bible Crusade Revival beginning Sunday, February 14.

Dr. Roy L. Smith, internationally famous preacher and author, was heard in preaching missions at First Church, Tampa, and Christ Church, St. Petersburg, last month.

Dr. Leslie Ross of Nashville is scheduled to preach and Mr. Bill Mann of Texas will be the song leader at the Revival Meeting February 14-19 at First Church, Fort Pierce, Rev. Robert Chapman, pastor.

Dr. Allen W. Moore, Approved Evangelist of the Methodist Church, has begun the new year with a meeting at First Church, Clermont. This will be followed by meetings at Calvary, Lake Worth; First Church, St. Petersburg, where Dr. Moore was pastor for 7 years; Wesley Memorial, Lakeland; and then meetings in Atlanta, Ga., Columbia, S. C., and Birmingham, Ala. Dr. Moore will hold his 80th meeting in the city of Birmingham this year.

## Reports on Schweitzer

Methodist Churches in the Tampa Bay area are getting first-hand information on the great work of Dr. Albert Schweitzer from a former newspaperman who visited Lambarene last September.

C. Win Upchurch, public relations director of Goodwill Industries-Suncoast, with headquarters in St. Petersburg, is showing colored slides of his visit to Lambarene where he presented 1,000 Goodwill dresses to Dr. Schweitzer's hospital.

The dresses were the gift of the late Ted C. Brown, past president of Goodwill, and several Goodwill board members who contributed

\$500 to purchase the 1,000 Good will dresses.

Upchurch, formerly a member of the St. Petersburg Independent editorial staff, financed his trip to Africa by articles he wrote about his visit to Lambarene. He is showing the slides he took on the three weeks trip to church and other groups on the Suncoast. The Methodist Churches have taken a special interest in the presentation because of their winter studies on Africa.

## Dr. Jones Looks Ahead

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The Rev. Dr. E. Stanley Jones predicted here New Year's Eve that the desegregation issue will be resolved in the Southern United States in ten years.

"What is happening in our Southland?" asked Dr. Jones. "It is not an isolated phenomenon. It's a part of the world social revolution. It's a ground swell, and you can't stop it."

"My prediction is that in ten years it will all be over," declared Dr. Jones, referring to the problem in the South.

"The diehards will die hard," he said, "and they will die expensively, but they will die."

"I believe," he added, "that when history is written it will be recorded that the turning of the tide began in Atlanta, where 300 ministers signed a manifesto saying that Negroes should have equal rights."

## The Old Timer



"Some people think the ideal occupation is one that doesn't keep them occupied."

## Goodwill Goes to Orlando

Goodwill Industries is opening its fourth Florida outlet this spring or early summer.

A \$104,000 campaign is being undertaken by the Orlando Sertoma Club to start a hire-the-handicapped organization in that Central Florida city.

Goodwill is already established in Jacksonville and St. Petersburg, and last fall opened the Dade County Goodwill in Miami.

Dr. R. C. Adair, executive director of the St. Petersburg Goodwill, and one of four Goodwill area leaders in the United States, helped organize the Dade Good-

will, and is working on plans for the Orlando branch.

The St. Petersburg Goodwill, which ranked 100th nationally among the 123 Goodwills in the United States when it was founded five years ago last October, now is in 18th national ranking among the other Goodwills.

## WOMAN LEADER SCORES UNOFFICIAL GROUPS

A Methodist woman leader has spoken out against some unofficial laymen's groups which she said are trying to "preserve the segregated structure of the church" and against "propagandists who try to pin the communist label on any who work for racial integration." In her annual report to the Woman's Division of Christian Service at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Jan. 12, Miss Thelma Stevens of New York said that Methodist women continue to be concerned about segregation in education, employment, and housing, and about "the pattern of segregation within the church, particularly The Methodist Church." Miss Stevens is executive secretary for Christian social relations of the Woman's Division, which is both the national organization representing 1,800,000 Methodist women, and one of the divisions of the Board of Missions.

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## World Day of Prayer . . .

One of three days that brings CHURCH WOMEN together in ecumenical fellowship is the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, the first Friday in Lent, which comes on March 4th this year. Prayer through Christ is our deepest bond of unity. 49 local Councils of Church Women will be expressing their faith in this act of worship. Pastors are to be commended who gave this matter adequate publicity in he bulletin and from the pulpit.

DID YOU KNOW that in 1634 Anne Hutchinson crossed the Atlantic from England to America? Because she was bold enough to pray in public, people were shocked. In 1800 a little group of women of different denominations met to pray for people around the world. In 1869, seven Methodist women took the slogan "Two cents a week and a prayer." That year those women sent a teacher and a doctor to the women of India. In 1887, Presbyterian women sat aside a day of prayer for missions. In 1889, Baptist women, named a special day on which to pray for missions. In 1920, the Church women of Canada, joined with Church women of the U. S. in a special Day of Prayer, and set the day as the first Friday in Lent. In 1927, this day was designated the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER with 50 countries joining in prayer. By 1950 this had grown to include 74 countries, and in 1959, one hundred forty-four countries participated in the observance.

—Florida Council of Churches NEWS LETTER

## The YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By HOOVER RUPERT

## SAME SONG, SECOND VERSE

As a matter of fact the second verse is just the same as the first—only worse! I have reference to the increase incidence of drinking drivers. The most recent facts and figures are just more of the same.

New Year's week-end is long-gone, but not the memories of what happened on the nation's highways. Michigan is hardly an exception in this regard and this was the report of Secretary of State James M. Hare: Drinking was involved in 20 of the 34 fatal highway accidents in Michigan over the New Year's weekend. And if that isn't enough to get across my point, listen to the

Secretary again when he said that drinking was involved in 42% of all fatal road accidents in my fair state of Michigan from December 11th through January 3rd. You will recall, my friend, that during this period we were celebrating the birthday of Jesus! Well some of the celebrators didn't quite make it to Christmas, and some who did missed out on New Year's. I am sorry for them, but the folks who really have my sympathy are the innocent victims of these characters who were exercising their loudly protested freedom to drink or not. How about the sane and sober citizen on his way to Christmas Eve worship whose life was snuffed out by a not-so-sober and not-so-sane fellow-citizen who was behind the wheel of his car even though he had some drinks under his belt.

Oh, sure, he meant no harm. He is sitting somewhere today in depression and remorse as he recalls the bright lights in his face, the screeching of brakes, and that

ghastly combination of screams and screeches of voice and steel still clamoring in his ear. He may even honestly wish he had been the fatality instead of his victim or victims. Would that he had given this thought before he took that "harmless" little drink!

Well, if you want to know how I feel about it, I am getting just about fed up with this prating about personal rights and individual freedom as the basis for drinking alcoholic beverages. I claim that I also have the right NOT to drink, and the right to expect that my indulging neighbors in the drinking world will do their drinking off the highway, street, and public transportation. For I believe I have a right to protection as a non-drinking citizen, from the selfishness and self-centeredness of the drinking driver who threatens my life when he gets behind the wheel. And I am prepared as a citizen to support any honorable means of keeping the drinker away from the wheel.

## Some Sheep Are Not Lost--

## But They Are Undernourished

By HENRY M. BULLOCK  
 Editor Church School Publications

The Gospel of John records an important conversation between Jesus and Peter.

"When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'"

John 21:15-17

Christ is saying that real love for Him must be shown by tender care of His lambs and sheep. As I read this passage, I remember that many adult church school workers are so busy with the Christian nurture of children and youth that they do not receive an adult diet of spiritual food. No one is feeding the sneep who feed the sheep who feed the lambs!

There is a worker with children who studies faithfully the Bible and church school materials to help with the spiritual needs of three-year-olds—but she has no regular spiritual food for her own adult needs.

There is a worker who studies diligently to share with youth a living, growing faith in Christ—but who seldom studies the Bible to hear God's word for himself.

There is a superintendent, a church school secretary, or even a pastor—so preoccupied with "running the school" or feeding the lambs that nobody feeds him.

May I suggest two ways to help such workers?

First, let the church school provide all workers

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## Temperance for the Sobering Sixties . . .

Excerpts from a report by the Rev. Dr. Caradine R. Hooton of Washington, D.C., general secretary of the Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church, at the agency's annual meeting Wednesday, Jan. 27.



REV. DR. CARADINE R. HOOTON

The times are ripe for moral reform. Nothing is more disturbing than the fact that America's spiritual slips have been showing.

As we move into the sobering sixties, let us take a long look at the political situation. What kind of influence will be exerted on the platform makers of our major political parties? Who are the real backers of candidates now announcing for high office?

While politicians dicker over the matter of a man's religious denomination, let us not fail to inquire into his business associations.

It would be the height of stupidity for Methodists, in the name of ecumenicity, to help elect a president whose source of wealth comes partly from whiskey. Or for churchmen to help elect to office men who would encourage the further growth of the menacing gambling racket.

At a time when even the nation's secular forces sense a worsening of the moral situation, it is imperative that Methodists and other Christians set the style for sobriety.

A drunken America cannot hope to be strong enough for great leadership to a distraught and disenchanting world. We cannot remain a gluttonous island of plenty in a turbulent sea of poverty. We cannot safeguard the interests of the free world half-

By CARADINE R. HOOTON  
drunk and half-sober.

That America has a king-size alcohol problem is revealed by the fact that we now have 5,100,000 known alcoholics. Drinking is related to some 60 per cent of all arrests, to 70 per cent of the broken homes, and to 75 per cent of our poverty-stricken families.

Is it nothing that we have nearly twice as many alcohol outlets as churches in the United States? Is it less than a scandal that Americans spend five times as much each year for cocktails as they give to Christianity or that we spend more for picking up beer cans and bottles along our highways than we invest in the United Nations?

Last year, 2,125,000 persons were injured in automobile accidents and 37,600 were killed outright. According to the National Safety Council, 55 per cent of these unnecessary deaths were directly linked to alcohol.

One of the police magistrates in Philadelphia sobers up drunks with a big mirror on the station house wall. They don't like what they see. Let us as a church serve as a mirror in every community so that the people can see what liberties they forfeit through liquor.

If we relax our watchfulness, how soon will rigged television shows be able to convince the masses of viewers that those who do not indulge in social drinking are abnormal and hopelessly out of tune with the times?

We also need to reinforce our help for the pilots, stewards and stewardesses in their heroic struggle for the right not to serve drinks on commercial aircraft. Now that the House of Representatives has passed a bill banning this practice, shall we falter when

it comes up for action in the Senate?

Let us commend the Canadian government for its new policy of serving no liquor at any state function. How long will it take Americans to learn that there are better investments of time and resources than the amounts we waste on intoxicants?

Our nation is enervated with a censorship phobia that prevents enactment of better laws for the common good. Consequently, the country is being flooded with filthy magazines and pornographic materials—the output of a half-billion dollar, hard-core obscenity racket.

And unless churchmen are stirred to preventive action, the motion picture industry now threatens to ignore the code of decency and plunge the nation into a new kind of sex drunkenness.

Conditions are crying out for bold new advances in temperance education and action. Let us inspire and alert communities to action on the nationwide problems arising from alcohol, gambling, narcotics and pornography.

## Woman's Division Elects First General Secretary

Mrs. Porter Brown of New York and Salina, Kan., was elected Jan. 21 to the newly-created post of general secretary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions. Mrs. Brown has been treasurer of the division since Sept., 1958, and will continue to carry out her duties as treasurer until a successor is chosen. In her new position, Mrs. Brown will head a professional staff of 43 executives and will correspond to the general secretaries of the other divisions of the Board of Missions and of other Methodist general agencies.

## NEW PARSONAGE DEDICATED



Dr. Henry W. Blackburn, West Palm Beach District Superintendent, joined with the pastor, the Rev. Ira M. Owen, and the membership of St. Luke's Church of Florida Gardens, Lake Worth, in the dedication of the church's beautiful new parsonage on Jan-

uary 10. The above picture shows the congregation assembled along side the parsonage following the service of dedication. The Rev. Mr. Owen is seated on the front row, fourth from the left, and Dr. Blackburn is seated fourth from the right.



## Daugherty Reports on British Lay Ministry . . . Face-Lifting at Welaka

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — American Methodists take a back seat to British Methodists when it comes



**DR. C. LLOYD DAUGHERTY**

to recruiting and developing lay preachers.

This is the observation of a U. S. Methodist leader, the Rev. Dr. C. Lloyd Daugherty, Nashville, who has just returned from a trip to Wales. Methodists there are a part of the British Methodist Church.

"So far as I could tell," said Dr. Daugherty, a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, "every little Methodist Church in South Wales has two worship services virtually every Sunday, thanks to an adequate supply of lay preachers. This is in contrast to America, where many, many small Methodist Churches have a worship service once every two weeks or only once a month because of a shortage of preachers."

Dr. Daugherty said the strength of the British Methodists' lay preaching program apparently results from their putting considerable emphasis on that phase of their work and on their having a good recruiting and training program.

"I believe," said Dr. Daugherty, "that ever since Wesley's day there has been more emphasis on lay preaching in British Methodism than in American Methodism."

While Welsh Methodists impressed Dr. Daugherty as being comparatively strong on lay preaching, he said that they, themselves, feel they need to learn more about lay visitation evangelism as it is practiced in American Methodism.

The head of Methodism in South Wales, the Rev. Dr. Mairdwyn Edwards of Cardiff, was in the United States about a year ago and learned about the results of visitation evangelism here. He was favorably impressed and invited Americans to lead a "pilot" visitation evangelism mission in South Wales.

The reason Dr. Daugherty was in Wales was to coordinate this "pilot" mission requested by Dr. Edwards. It was January 8-24, the first visitation evangelism mission ever conducted in Wales by Methodists, and Dr. Daugherty and ten other U. S. Methodist ministers provided leadership for it.

The mission was under the auspices of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, which has its headquarters in Nashville. Dr. Daugherty said the mission resulted in Welsh Methodists being convinced that lay visitation evangelism will get results. He also said that as a result of the mission there are ministers and laymen trained in the procedures of visitation evangelism who plan to continue it in that country.

Just a little more than four years ago Dr. George E. Heath, retired minister now living at Penney Farms, Florida, led in the organization of a new congregation in the Pine Hills section of Orlando. The church was formally organized on January 1, 1956.

In June, 1956, the Rev. James M. Smith was appointed to this new church. On January 1, 1960, Dr. Heath returned to share in the 4th anniversary of the congregation which now numbers more than 750 members.

The Pine Hills Church worships at present in the attractive plant pictured above. As a part of the anniversary observance, however, plans were laid for the third building program in three years.



Dr. Heath, Rev. James M. Smith

The new addition will include a church kitchen, a Marion Heath Memorial Parlor and classroom, and 6 additional classrooms.

Dr. Heath, Rev. James M. Smith

The remodeling of the sanctuary, including the installation of a divided chancel, and the installation of much new furniture and equipment has been accomplished in recent months at Welaka under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. Roy O. Burgess.

The major portion of the work has been the project of the W.S.C.S. and includes new light oak pews with pulpit furniture and altar to match. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the ladies, pledges and cash are in hand to pay for these improvements.

Other noteworthy improvements include the painting of the outside of the church, thanks to the generosity of Mr. Ross Farens, a local layman who paid the bill. A brass altar set has been donated by a number of Welaka people in memory of Mr. Duff McLeod. Mrs. Burgess, wife of the pastor, has repainted most of the rooms in the parsonage and has redecorated her husband's study.

Future plans of the W.S.C.S. includes the purchase of carpets for the church and the installation of colored window glass. When the work is completed and paid for, District Superintendent J. E. McKinley will be invited for a service of dedication.

## PINE HILLS HAS BIRTHDAY



Dr. Heath, Rev. James M. Smith



## Approved Supply Pastors' School Set at Emory

The 1960 session of the Approved Supply Pastors' School at Emory University's Candler School of Theology has been set for July 18 through August 12. Some 250 pastors from the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church are expected to attend.

The short-term summer school is designed to fulfill supply pastor study requirements. Classes are taught by Emory professors, and special lectures, sermons, field trips, recreation and social events are added to provide a well-rounded program.

Credit for a full year in the course of study can be gained by ministers attending the full four-weeks session and meeting all requirements.

There is no tuition charge for the school. Main expenses are travel, room rent of \$20, and approximately \$50 for meals. Cash scholarships of \$50 each are available for those who qualify, until the funds are exhausted.

The Approved Supply Pastors' School is sponsored by the Southeastern Jurisdiction and the Methodist Board of Education, in cooperation with Emory University.

Further information, with enrollment and room reservation blanks, can be secured from the chairman or registrar of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training, or by writing to the Approved Supply Pastors' School, Emory University, Atlanta 22, Ga.

## Widow, 76, with Inadequate Income, augments it as Goodwill's "Doll Woman"

Mayme says she has one of the nicest jobs at Goodwill. She works with dolls, repairing their clothes, combing and cleaning their hair, scrubbing their faces.

"It's like being a mother again," says this 76-year-old widow. "I think of my dolls as my children."

Mayme's story is typical of many elderly folks in St. Petersburg. After the death of her husband she was left alone, she had a small pension but it wasn't enough to give her the comforts she needed in her declining years.

"If I only had a job," she thought, "but who would hire a person my age?"

Mayme heard of Goodwill Industries through a neighbor who had a friend who worked for the hire - the - handicapped organization.

"I always thought that Goodwill hired only handicapped people," Mayme says. "I don't think

they would hire a person just because she was elderly."

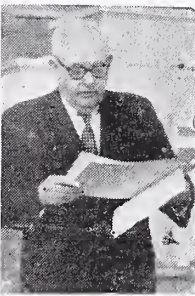
Goodwill gave Mayme a job and because she is an expert with needle and thread she was assigned to the doll department where discarded dolls are cleaned and renovated for sale.

Mayme says she wouldn't trade jobs with anyone in the Goodwill plant.

"I am very lucky, I am not only earning wages that greatly augment my small pension but I feel that I am bringing happiness to the hearts of little children."

## Bishop Moore Is Honored

When the General Board of Missions met at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.,



last month, a special Service of Recognition was held honoring Bishop Arthur J. Moore for his twenty years of service as President of the Board. Bishop Moore will retire at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in July.

Bishop A. Frank Smith, head of the Division of National Missions and who also will retire this summer, presided and brought words of appreciation from his Division. Statements of appreciation were also made by Mrs. J. Fount Tillman of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Dr. Jesse A. Angle of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, and Bishop Richard C. Raines, head of the Division of World Missions.

Further presentations were made by Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, editor of WORLD OUTLOOK, Mrs. Tillman, and Bishop Raines. One citation, presented to Bishop Moore, called him "evangelist extraordinary," "missionary statesman," and "prophet of far horizons whose parish is the world."

Bishop Moore was also honored by the publication of a biography featuring his missionary leadership which was written by Dr. Elmer T. Clark of Lake Junaluska, N. C.

## Methodist Briefs . . .

Dr. J. Carlisle Holler of Columbia, S. C., is one of 20 school administrators chosen to participate in an international education exchange program which calls for an eight-week trip to Europe. Dr. Holler is director of South Carolina's Division of Instruction and is a member of the General Board of Lay Activities.

## Ecumenical Institute Announced for July 17-22

"Our Unity in the Community" will be the theme of the Fifth Ecumenical Institute for Christian leaders to be held at beautiful Blue Ridge Assembly, N. C., July 17-22, 1960. This Institute is being sponsored by the Southern Office, NCC.

The purpose of the Institute is to manifest oneness in Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Saviour; to strengthen understanding and promote cooperation among denominations; to find ways of doing things together as churches and church people, to provide inspiration, fellowship, and ecumenical education.

A giant Bible Hymn Festival will open the Institute on Sunday evening, July 17th. Church choirs from the vicinity of Black Mountains and Asheville will comprise the Festival Choir. Dr. W. D. Weatherford, founder of Blue Ridge Assembly, will bring the message at this service and speak on "Our Unity in the Community."

Bible study will be at the heart of the Institute. Bible lectures will be given daily by Professor Franklin H. Littell, Professor of Church History at Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Dr. Littell will base his lectures on the book of Ephesians and relate them to the Institute theme. Dr. Littell has lived in Germany and become associated with the Kirchentag movement.

Some workshops tentatively scheduled are: Use and Understanding of the Bible, Areas of Rapid Social Change, Christian Responsibility for Freedom, Training Council Officers and Leaders, Christian Missions, Depth Bible Study, and Town and Country Churches.

Church leaders from all denominations and races are invited to attend.

## Methodists Overseas Increase 100,000

The number of Christians who are "in full connection" with the Methodist Church in lands outside the U. S. now number 874,732, according to a report made by the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith of New York, general secretary of the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions. The present figure is an increase of more than 100,000 from the total reported in 1956, and it is expected that at the end of the four-year period, in June, 1960, the total will exceed 900,000 full members, he said.



# STRAIGHT TALK

By TOM ANDERSON

## An Editor Looks at Russia

Mr. Tom Anderson, editor and publisher of FARM AND RANCH, was one of a group which accompanied Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson on his recent trip to several European countries and Russia. The following editorial, which appeared in the December, 1959, issue of FARM AND RANCH, was written after Mr. Anderson attended church services in Moscow. We are grateful to FARM AND RANCH for permitting us to reproduce it for our readers.

—EDITOR

Imagine getting your greatest spiritual experience in atheistic Russia! We had just left Moscow's citadel of atheism, fantastically ugly Red Square, where thousands or subservients come daily to worship the incarnation of history's foremost mummies, Vladimir "The Body" Lenin and "good Ol' Joe" Stalin, their carcasses perfectly preserved in their glass showcase in the red marble mausoleum. They're the only well-dressed people in Moscow—all dressed up and no place to go.

Stalin had pronounced repeatedly: "Lenin is God . . . The party cannot be neutral toward religion. Anti-religious propaganda is a means by which the complete liquidation of the reactionary clergy must be brought about."

The Russian "God," Lenin, stated: "Religion is a kind of spiritual gin in which the slaves of capital drown their human shape and their claims to any decent human life . . . Marxism is materialism . . . We deny all morality taken from superhuman or nonclass conceptions . . . Atheism is an integral part of Marxism . . . The materialist gives a more important place to materialism and nature, while relegating God and all the philosophical rabble who believe in Him to the sewer and manure heap . . . Down with religion. Long live Atheism."

### Atheism or Starvation

Sunday Schools in Russia are not permitted to exist. All "education" belongs to the state—and so do the children. Six days a week for 40 years the children have been taught atheism in school. It would be inconsistent to let them be taught about God in a Sunday School!

A person can lose his job or be demoted for church attendance. Starting next year young people have to either be confirmed in church or join "youth confirma-

tion" (Communist) groups. If they choose the church, they won't be able to get a job when they're old enough to work. Most people under 60 have sold out God for jobs, security, convenience. Or maybe they've simply concluded that co-existence, with atheism, is better than no existence.

Our Intourist guide had informed us that intelligent people don't go to church; that religion, which they refer to in the past tense, is a fairy story. With a straight face the beguiling guide had told us that churches were closed because the people no longer wanted them open; they had "learned better." In spite of this unsolicited wisdom, we drove from the ornate, atheistic Kremlin to a little out-of-the-way faded stucco Baptist Church on a narrow cobblestone street. The Central Baptist Church, one of the few open-for-business churches left in Moscow was playing to its usual three-times-a-week standing-room-only crowd of about 1,000.

Behind the pulpit glowed a stained-glass window inscribed with "Bog est lyubov (God is love)." It glowed quite differently from the diffused orange-colored light which bathes the carcasses of the enshrined killers on display in Red Square.

Every face in the old sanctuary gaped incredulously as our obviously-American group was led down the aisle. They grabbed for our hands as we proceeded to our pews which were gladly vacated for our unexpected visit. Their wrinkled old faces looked at us pleadingly. They reached out to touch us almost as one would reach out for the last final caress of one's most beloved just before the casket is lowered. They were in misery and yet a light shone through the misery. They gripped our hands like frightened children.

A member of our group was unexpectedly called to the pulpit. His voice choked with emotion, he preached a sermon of love and faith, hope and truth.

"I believe very firmly in prayer," he said. "It is possible to reach out and tap that unseen power which gives us strength and such an anchor in time of need."

"Be not afraid. Keep this commandment: Love one another. Love all mankind. Truth will endure. Time is on the side of truth." Thus spake Ezra Taft Benson, Mormon Apostle and Secretary of Agriculture.

The Secretary's wife and two beautiful daughters raptly drank in his words, with tears streaming. "God lives, I know that He lives: that Jesus is the Christ, the Redeemer of the World. We are

eternal beings."

As each sentence was translated for the audience by the Russian minister the women removed their handkerchiefs from their heads and waved them like a mother bidding permanent goodbye to her only son. Their heads nodded vigorously as they moaned, "ja, ja, ja!" (yes, yes, yes!).

As their gnarled hands folded in fervent prayer, it made you think of the ancient Christians about to be thrown to the lions. Most were old women. The old can attend church. They have no jobs to lose. They can "afford" to go to church. There were a handful of teenagers, one of whom stood beside me. I wished mightily that we could break the language barrier and talk. A youth with the courage to oppose history's most godless dictatorship to worship God!

Cynical newspaper correspondents who'd griped about a "command performance" in church with Benson, stood there crying openly.

### The Last Believers

These people have what has been described by some bubbleheads as "freedom of religion." It is freedom to live out their last few years without being shot in the back of the neck; freedom to go on existing in a living hell under a forced choice between God and their own families.

These old souls live by faith alone, unlike the Communist high priests who're backed by the all-powerful state and the firing squad.

The Communist plan is that when these "last believers" die off, religion will die with them. What the atheists don't know is that God can't be stamped out either by legislated atheism or firing squad. This Methodist backslider who occasionally grumbles about having to go to church, stood crying unashamedly, throat lumped, and chills running from spine to toes. It was the most heart-rending and most inspiring scene I've ever witnessed.

As we filed out they sang with all their hearts, "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again." And all knew we never would—on this earth. We also knew that some day, somehow, the greatest force in the world, love of God, will destroy this organized religion of hate.

With heavy hearts we left to rejoin the smug, smart-aleck atheist guides who took us to the church but refused to go in.

This trip with Secretary Benson was unforgettable. I was able to reach many conclusions, including the inscription I want for my tombstone: "I'd rather be here than in Russia."



## Report on Total Enlistment Emphasis

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—More than two-thirds of the 16 Methodist annual conferences in the denom-



REV. DR. D. TRIGG JAMES

ination's Southeastern Jurisdiction have participated in the jurisdiction's total enlistment emphasis, and others are expected to take part in the program between now and Easter.

This was announced by the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, Atlanta, an executive secretary of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

The total enlistment emphasis in the Southeast began in September. Its goals are to enlist all Methodist Church members in some form of Christian activity, to enlist new persons for Christ and the church, and the enlistment of all Methodists to a "total dedication of self, including talents, time, and resources, and a full commitment to Christian living in all the relationships of life."

"Results in the annual conferences varied greatly," said Dr. James, "from superlative, where the program was used almost in its entirety, to a much lesser degree, where it was only partially used."

The program is sponsored by the Committee on Evangelism of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council in cooperation with the Methodist General Board of Evangelism and the conference boards of evangelism.

Every four minutes a cancer patient is saved. The American Cancer Society points out many more could be saved, if the disease were diagnosed and treated at the earliest possible time.

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

By the REV. ERNEST K. EMURIAN

### Rock of Ages

Rev. John Wesley, the Anglican divine who brought Methodism into being, was a tireless worker, an indefatigable traveler, a voluminous writer and a peripatetic preacher, but one thing he loathed above all others during the long years of his busy and fruitful life was religious controversy. He despised nothing more than he did the wasteful hours spent in useless arguments or futile debates over various interpretations of obscure passages of Scripture, or the attempt to reconcile seemingly irreconcilable doctrines of the Church universal.



Wesley

On many occasions, Wesley bypassed such controversies, regarding them as beneath the dignity of a prophet of the Lord who had been called by God to proclaim the truth, and witness to the Word.

On those few occasions when he became personally involved in some such period of debate or argument, he was outspoken in stating that he considered the whole affair one which not only soured but also corrupted "the better part of a Christian's nature."

"Beware of the reasoning devil!" he sharply advised a young lady, following his own counsel assiduously during his ministerial career. In striking contrast to Wesley's formula for "spreading Scriptural holiness through the land" was the approach used by those who considered themselves his theological enemies. While Wesley considered harsh and hot theological disputes more subversive of true religion than Calvin's doctrine of election and predestination, he confessed that he never "willingly dispute with anyone about it." They disputed with him, however, whether he rejected their verbal challenges, ignored them, or felt finally compelled to reply to them.

Among the verbal "giants" who arrayed themselves alongside John Calvin and preached a heartless interpretation of predestination complete with the damnation of unelected infants and other un-Christian conclusions derived therefrom, were Rev. Richard Hill and Rev. Augustus Montague Toplady. The whole conflict between

two opposing views with regard to the sovereignty of God and the free-will of man, the former stressing God's power to save while the latter insisted with equal vigor on man's ability to choose or reject God's proffered gift of salvation, came to a head when six irresponsible young men who supposedly were students for the ministry were expelled from St. Edmund Hall, Oxford University, in March, 1768.

Their expulsion was ordered because they had openly violated several rules of the University, and had nothing whatsoever to do with their theological convictions or beliefs. The published statement having to do with their forced withdrawal contained the allegation that they were "suspected of enthusiasm," a charge often levelled against Methodists by the staid adherents of the Church of England.

When it was learned that the six young men had been sent to Oxford through the generosity of Lady Huntingdon, Hill leaped to their defense, accusing the authorities of having forced them out of school because of their leanings toward the predestinarian party, in opposition to the Arminian free-will theology espoused by Wesley and the growing Methodist movement. In fact, Hill, who called himself a Calvinistic Methodist, whatever that means, dashed off a good-sized pamphlet which roundly criticized the Wesleys and their particular theological emphasis, a dissertation that was thoroughly refuted by another pamphlet written by Dr. Nowell of St. Mary's Hall.

Incensed but undaunted, Hill passed the torch to the not unwilling hands of the violently vitriolic Calvinistic preacher, Augustus Toplady, who entered the fray determined to crush the Wesleyan heresy once and for all. Taking up the verbal struggle where Hill had relinquished it, Toplady, the "impetuous and foaming rebuker," began to assail the Wesleys with more violence than Martin Luther had ever levelled at the Pope of Rome, whom he had been content to denounce merely as the Anti-Christ.

Toplady, however, was not content to be a Lutheran in his "righteous anger," but proceeded to dish off article after article and booklet after booklet, in defense of the Calvinistic doctrines which Wesley regarded as mechanistic



and "horrible." Although he had been converted by one of Wesley's preachers soon after completing his education at Dublin's Trinity College, Toplady soon changed his mind and his allegiance, and became the fiery spokesman of Lady Huntingdon's loyal supporters. In addition to serving as the curate in several successive Anglican appointments, Augustus began to edit "The Gospel Magazine," seeking to reach an audience through his writings that was being denied him in the pulpit.

Calling Wesley a "sly assassin" who "united the sophistry of a Jesuit with the authority of a pope," the editor accused he Methodist pioneer of "Satanic shamelessness" in espousing the Arminian point of view, whereby believers were invited to accept Christ's forgiveness, whether they felt they had been elected to salvation or to eternal damnation, or not.

Born in 1740, Toplady began his most important struggle when he was just twenty-nine years of age, gaining, for better or for worse, a wide reputation as an "abusive pamphleteer," and for seven successive years, Augustus dipped his pen in vinegar and vented his editorial spleen on those with whom he disagreed, some times consigning them to the lowest depths of a theological hell when he could think of no worse fate about which to write.

It was not until he was thirty-six years of age that his friends and enemies caught a glimpse of the tenderness that had lurked inside Toplady's heart during the years he had been recognized as the fiercest exponent of the sternest of John Calvin's teachings. For, enroute from one preaching place to another, as he was crossing the picturesque English countryside, the ultra-conservative super-fundamentalist minister was caught in a sudden downpour of rain, taking shelter in a great cleft of a rock in a spot known as Burrington Gorge, in Somersetshire. Strangely enough, the setting was something of an inspiration to the British-born and Irish-educated clergyman, and before long, he was fingering in his pockets for a piece of scrap paper on which to jot down the lines that suddenly came crowding out of his heart and into his fertile brain; ideas that were constructive rather than destructive, and positive instead of negative. Finding only a playing card, the six of diamonds, stuck in one corner of one pocket, Toplady wrote down on the back side the verses that were now flooding his heart and overflowing into his imaginative mind. His new poem began with these descriptive lines:  
Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;

## Life Membership

Mrs. John Dominey, president of the W.S.C.S. at Grace Church, Sanford, is shown here present-



ing an Honorary Life Membership Certificate for little Catherine Lynne Parsons, infant daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Parsons, pastor, to the baby's mother, Mrs. Charles E. Schultz, Cathy's maternal grandmother, is holding her.

Let the water and the blood  
From thy wounded side which  
flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure;  
Cleanse from wrath and make  
me pure.

First published in the preacher-editor's own journal, in the issue of March, 1776, as the conclusion to a rather bitter article, and captioned, "A living and dying prayer for the holiest believer in the world," "Rock of Ages" became almost instantaneously popular, those who sang it finding it rather difficult to believe that it came from the pen of Augustus Monague Toplady, since it did not seem consistent with the bulk of his harsh and critical writings.

The poet, however, lived but two years after penning his finest work, dying in 1778 at the early age of thirty-eight, the victim of tuberculosis, his last words being, "My prayers are all converted into praise."

While his "frantic pursuit of the unsearchable" had led him into devious paths, undoubtedly, in the warm glow of the Master's presence, Toplady saw that both he and the Wesleys had a ministry to perform, not in criticising each other, but in bringing all men to a saving knowledge of Him whom they both called their Saviour and Lord. He died in the spirit of the closing stanza of his noblest hymn:

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When my eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown  
And behold Thee on Thy throne;  
Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.

Rev. Ernest K. Emurian  
Elm Ave. Methodist Church  
Portsmouth, Virginia

## Methodist Sunday School In Operation in Paradise

The Methodist Church now has a Sunday School in Paradise!

During the past summer, an outpost Sunday School was organized under Methodist leadership in Paradise, a small resort community in Michigan's upper peninsula near the mouth of the Tahquamenon River. It is located close to the heart of the famed Hiawathaland vacation area.

Nucleus for the Sunday School was the Kelly Thompson family, consisting of the parents and six children ranging in ages from 2 to 16. The Thompsons moved to Paradise from Adrian about a year ago. Finding no Methodist Sunday School there, they went to work. Fifteen families with Methodist background were soon discovered.

The school was started under the guidance of Dr. Ivan Gonser, district superintendent, and Miss Marian Kline, conference field worker in Christian education assigned to the Marquette district. Various homes, the town hall, an unoccupied store building, and a schoolhouse were used at different times as meeting places.

Average attendance in the Paradise Sunday School is about thirty-six, and both parents and teachers are enthusiastic about the future. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson both teach, along with a third teacher, LeRoy Murley.

Underway is a study to determine if the needs of the community warrant the organization of a new Methodist Church. For the present, however, it can be said that already Methodists have a church school in Paradise!

Stewardship is not primarily to heighten the giving but to deepen the living.

—Virginia Methodist Advocate

## Offering for Missions Reaches Record Amount

The Methodist Church, through its Board of Missions, spent almost \$29,000,000 at home and overseas during the fiscal year 1959. Total income for the year was \$29,089,000, an increase of \$1,191,000 over 1958. The 1959 disbursements for all purposes totaled \$28,804,000 and were \$1,720,000 higher than the 1958 disbursements. Both of these were record amounts. This report was given to the Board of Missions annual meeting in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Jan. 18, by Mrs. Porter Brown of New York, assistant treasurer of the board and treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.



## On A Wide Circuit . . .

"And Her Name — 'Mother of Exiles'"

It's not so many years ago that we in America were boasting that our land was a haven—even the heaven—for the oppressed of the world. We are all immigrants or the children of immigrants—even the proud Mayflower families were refugees. Later waves came to escape religious or political oppression, to escape military service, to escape starvation when the potato crop failed, to escape from the indignities heaped upon minority peoples. And even within our own land and day many millions have moved from state to state, refugees in fact, if not in name.

And now we are in the middle of the "World Refugee Year," set by the United Nations to call attention to millions of oppressed and needy people the world over—mostly victims of war, hate, and political upheaval—awaiting a chance for home and new life anywhere. The churches of America are concerned. Many individuals or groups would give asylum to large numbers. But new national legislation is needed, and does not appear to be forthcoming.

The National Council of churches urges church members to study this problem, and to write members of Congress and the President "to act responsibly" on the problem of refugees. A recent resolution of the Council's General Board said:

"The United States should have permanent legislation providing for the non-quota visa admission of 10,000 refugees and escapees annually. No other single step could more clearly testify to the American interest in the devotion to the solution of the refugee problems in the world.

"The General Board is unreservedly opposed to the regular admission of refugees 'on parole.' It recognizes that the use of the parole facility in emergencies, as in the case of the Hungarian revolt, is necessary; but the parolee status imposes upon the refugee already burdened with hardship and loss an added indignity, and is not to be considered a suitable way in which to extend our help to the homeless.

"The General Board believes that the United States should continue and increase its active and substantial cooperation with other nations of goodwill in meeting the continuing needs through the programs in the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration, the United States Escapee

By W. W. REID

Program, and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. More especially, the General Board calls upon the President to allocate the full \$10,000,000 provided for World Refugee Year expenditure under the Mutual Security Act for 1959-1960 for governmental and inter-governmental refugee projects.

"The General Board believes that the adoption by the Congress of a fairer and non-discriminatory immigration and naturalization law, involving major revisions in the McCarran-Walter Act, would add immeasurably to the moral stature of the United States within the community of nations. It reminds the churches that both major political parties incorporated demands for just such changes in their party platforms in 1956.

"Under the McCarran-Walter Act naturalized citizens do not receive equal status with their native born fellow citizens. The General Board believes that admission to citizenship in the United States should entitle the beneficiary to all duties, rights, and privileges on an equal footing with native born citizens. There is no place in our society for second-class citizenship.

"Encouraged by the wealth of experience gained through Church World Service of the National Council of Churches and the cooperating denominations, the General Board recommends to the President of the United States that he establish a National Commission to study population pressures, both internal and external to the United States, and to make appropriate recommendation for a more permanent and effective immigration policy that is commensurate with our national ideals and international long term interests."

## Some Sheep Are Not Lost

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with one of our adult lesson publications, such as the handy and attractive pocket-size Epworth Notes, in addition to any pupil and teacher materials for the age group he teaches, or in addition to The Church School, which should go to all general officers, the pastor, and the department superintendents.

Epworth Notes (already popular with many adult classes) has a page-a-day development of International Lessons for adults. It's small enough to go in a lady's purse or a man's coat or shirt pocket. Thus the adult officers and workers with younger classes will receive adult spiritual food

as they work to feed the lambs of the flock—the milk of the gospel to the babes and the meat to the more mature.

Second, let the commission on education of every church arrange for the pastor or some other qualified person to teach a leadership education class every year on some part of the Bible, personal Christian living, Christian doctrine, or some such meaty spiritual food for all adult workers of the school. Write the executive secretary of your conference board of education or write to our Department of Leadership Education, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee, for the folder How to Have a Leadership Class in Your Church (744B) which tells how to go about organizing and conducting such classes.

## Urges Bad-Weather Visits

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Bad-weather evangelism was recommended here by Dr. Harry Den-



DR. HARRY DENMAN

man, Nashville, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, at a national workshop on evangelism.

"Go ahead and schedule your visitation evangelism when the weather's bad," Dr. Denman told the nearly 100 local-church directors of evangelism attend. "Not only are the people more likely to be home, but then they will know you are in earnest."

Dr. Denman told the directors, most of them associate pastors or laymen from large churches, that their primary responsibility is not to visit prospective members.

"Your main responsibility," he said, "is to enlist, train and direct laymen in visiting prospective members."

"Of course," he added, "you have to set the example."

The meeting, sponsored by the Board of Evangelism, was held February 1-5 at the board's headquarters.

Workshop instructor in evangelistic methods was the Rev. Joseph T. Edwards, Detroit, director of Methodist evangelism for Michigan.



## Purely Personal

The Rev. David J. Cathcart of Lakeland, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Florida Conference, has been invited by President Eisenhower to attend a White House conference on Children and Youth beginning March 27. The White House conference is held every ten years to "consider services for the problems of children and youth of the nations." The Rev. Mr. Cathcart is chairman of the Commission on Christian Education of the Florida Council of Churches.

The Rev. Claude Stanfield reports that Edna Floy Brown of First Church, Fort Meade, who is doing missionary work in Sarawak, was operated upon for appendicitis at Christ Hospital, Kapiti, Sarawak, early in January and later was reported as "doing well."

The Rev. W. J. Churchwell preached for the pastor, the Rev. Larry Henize, at the Yulee and Hutto Chapel churches to climax the "Month of Missions" on January 24th. The Advance Special offering for the Churchwell Clinic in Cuba totalled \$126.00.

The Rev. Henry Guy, pastor at First Church, Kissimmee, has been appointed by the Board of Evangelism to be the Upper Room minister of the Florida Conference. In this new capacity he and Mrs. Guy were guests of THE UPPER ROOM in Nashville recently. Mr. Guy will promote the use of THE UPPER ROOM and other devotional literature with a special emphasis upon family worship and private daily devotions.

Bishop Newell S. Booth of the Elisabethville Area, Belgian Congo, preached at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, on January 31, and Dr. Darrell Randall, Associate Executive Director of the Department of International Affairs of the National Council of Churches, spoke on Wednesday, February 3. Both of these Christian leaders are appearing on the Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. C. White of Boca Grande were among those participating in Peace Study Seminars conducted last month by the Florida Council of Churches. Mr. White is chairman of the Conference Board of World Peace.

The Rev. Burrell D. Dinkins, member of the South Georgia Conference and brother of the pastor, the Rev. Ed Dinkins, was

the revival preacher at First Church, Frostproof, January 31-February 5. Mr. Charles Selph, layman of Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven, was the song leader and soloist.

The Rev. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr., missionary to Malaya now appearing on the Chain of Missions, was the mid-week speaker at First Church, St. Petersburg, on February 3rd.

The Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, pastor of College Heights Church, Lakeland, who served as Chaplain of the Naval Construction Battalion in New Guinea during the late war, has been promoted to the rank of Commander in the Chaplains Corps of the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Dr. John T. Dingley, pastor at Grace Church, St. Petersburg, was the speaker at services marking the 25th anniversary of the Goss Memorial Church, Orlando, held February 14. Dr. Dingley was the pastor at Goss Memorial for 15 years before going to St. Petersburg in 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brown of Ft. Meade, parents of missionary nurse Edna Floy Brown, now serving in Sarawak, showed pictures of their daughter's work and spoke to a Family Night at Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven, on January 27 as a part of the church-wide School of Missions. On the preceding Wednesday, Dr. T. C. Keramidas, a local physician and surgeon, discussed the Hippocratic Oath as a part of the same study.

Dr. Allen W. Moore is currently conducting a New Life Mission at First Church, St. Petersburg, where he served as pastor from 1937-1944. Mr. Grant Pulen, minister of music at First Church and formerly Dr. Moore's full-time song leader, is leading the singing.

Dr. E. J. Pendergrass, pastor at First Church, Orlando, presented a picture story of his recent trip to the Holy Land to the Methodist Men of Morrison Memorial, Leesburg, this month.

The Rev. Martin R. Davis, Sr., associate pastor at Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale, is back at work following his hospitalization for surgery.

Dr. H. Carter Hardin reports he has traveled over 16,000 miles in his work for the Florida Southern College Endowment Fund, not including the considerable distance he has walked. He still has the Sarasota, West Palm Beach

and Miami Districts to visit and states that the people have been very responsive.

The Rev. and Mrs. DeWitt T. Farabee, Jr., of Anona, announce the birth of a daughter, Joyce Edith, born on December 31, 1959. Joyce has an older sister, Fayanne, age 3.

Mr. Tom Slade of Starke showed pictures and told of his recent visit with "Spotty" Spottiswood in the Philippines as a part of the "Adventure in Missions" at St. James Church, Palatka, recently.

Mrs. Induk Pank, one of the world's great Christian leaders, occupied the pulpit morning and night at First Church, West Palm Beach, on January 31.

Mrs. Edward R. Scharar, of the Methodist Temple, is the new president of the United Church Women of Lakeland. Miss Fannie Pope of First Church was elected corresponding secretary at the same time.

The Rev. Gene Zimmerman, pastor at Wesley Community, Gainesville, spoke to the Methodist Men at Cross City on "Ushering" at the January meeting.

Miss Dorothy Ann Hughlett, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Hughlett of the Belgian Congo, spoke at First Church, Clearwater, and displayed many curios from Africa on the night of February 14.

The Rev. James W. Cooper, pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, spoke to the Men's Club at Wesley Memorial, Lakeland, last month.

Dr. George Foster, pastor at Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale, was the speaker at the annual mid-winter rally of the Laymen of the Miami District held February 5th in Miami.

Dr. Sidney H. Davies, pastor at Swaim Memorial, Jacksonville, is one of a group of ministers from at least 13 states which will be participating in a Methodist evangelistic mission in Alaska the latter part of this month.

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## GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

First Church, Fort Meade, broke ground for a new educational building on January 31 with construction starting the next day. The Rev. R. A. Alley, Lakeland District Superintendent, occupied the pulpit at the morning worship service and participated in the ground breaking.

A special service was held in the Yulee Methodist Church on January 31st to dedicate a communion table and candlesticks given by the family of Mrs. Jennie H. Flood in her memory.

As a part of the Church's month long "Adventure in Missions," a group of 19 youths and 3 adults from St. James Church, Palatka, visited Brewster Hospital in Jacksonville on a recent school holiday. Other features of the trip included lunch in the hospital cafe, a tour of the Jacksonville Good Will Industries, and a visit to "Mighty 690," Jacksonville's Big Ape Radio.

Slides sent by Dr. Don Bowes, a medical missionary in Pakistan, were shown at First Church, Dade City, on Sunday evening, January 31, at the final session of the annual school of missions.

The St. Petersburg Male Chorus and the Gibbs Junior College Choir were both heard in concerts at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, during the week of January 24. The latter choir represents a Junior College for Negroes.

The Black Hills Passion Play opened its 8th season in Lake Wales on February 7. It will be presented on days that begin with the letters "S" and "T" until April 17. Many church groups attend this attraction every year and special arrangements for such groups are provided for by the management. The Lake Wales Methodist Church will assist in making arrangements upon request.

A dramatization of Alan Paton's "Cry, the Beloved Country," was given as the opening session of the Annual School of Missions at First Church, West Palm Beach, on February 3.

Members of the Intermediate Youth Choir of Morrison Memorial Church, Leesburg, are offering their services as Baby Sitters to raise funds for the purchase of new choir robes.

Dedication services for homes

of members of the congregation are being offered by the Rev. H. T. Heitzenrater of First Church, Clermont. An appropriate certificate suitable for framing is given. The program is suitable for older homes as well as new ones, the pastor has pointed out.

The J. Van Koeveing Family, nationally known bell ringers, presented a vespers concert at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, on January 31.

The various buildings comprising the plant of First Church, Lakeland, are soon to have a "face lifting." A contract has been let for necessary repairs and painting.

The offices of First Church, Dade City, were broken into on a recent Sunday night. The petty cash, the Sunday School offering and some mission funds were stolen, totalling about \$60, the Rev. Harold Miller reports. The church collection had been placed in the night depository at the bank, as is customary.

The Friendly Helpers Class of First Church, Clearwater, presented the Expansion Fund of the church with a gift of \$800 on January 31. The ladies of the class earned this money from rummage sales held during 1959.

A rummage sale conducted by one of the W.S.C.S. circles in January gave the New Parsonage Fund of Trinity Church, Lakeland, a substantial boost.

A balcony which will accommodate more than 150 additional worshipers is being opened at First Church, Kissimmee. More than 100 new chairs and hymnals also have been put into use in recent weeks.

Forty teams were provided by First Church, Dade City, to assist in the community-wide church census held on the last Sunday in January. Churches of six denominations participated in the project.

## The Old Timer



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## Merging Boards Object to Single Head

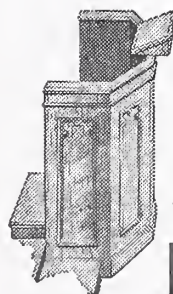
WASHINGTON, D. C. — Two agencies of The Methodist Church have voiced objections to the recommendation that one general secretary administer the proposed new Board of Christian Social Concerns.

At their annual meetings here, both the General Board of Temperance and the Interboard Commission on Christian Social Relations voted to request the church's Coordinating Council to reconsider its action and recommend instead that the new board have three general secretaries, each to head a division.

If the Coordinating Council's plan of union is adopted by General Conference, the new board would be a merger of three general agencies—the Board of Temperance, located here, and the Board of World Peace and the Board of Social and Economic Relations, both of Chicago.

With headquarters in Washington, the new board would comprise three divisions—Peace and World Order, Human Relations and Economic Affairs, and Temperance and General Welfare. In addition to a general secretary, each division would be headed by an associate general secretary.

The Board of Temperance approved the plan "in principle," but joined with the Interboard Commission on Christian Social Relations—which coordinates the work of the three present boards—in terming the idea of one general secretary as being "top heavy" from the standpoint of practical administration.



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## Board of Temperance Offers Washington Site

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A choice 18-acre site in the Nation's Capital will be offered to the General Conference of The Methodist Church as the location of a possible church center.

The Methodist Board of Temperance, owner of the property, approved a resolution to this effect at its annual meeting here Jan. 27-29.

The resolution was approved earlier by a special committee composed of representatives of the Council of Bishops, the Council on World Service and Finance, and the Coordinating Council.

The offer will be presented to the General Conference when it opens its quadrennial sessions April 27 in Denver, Colo.

The Coordinating Council plans to recommend that the General Conference establish a special committee of 30 persons, including three from each of Methodism's six jurisdictions, which would incorporate as an authorized agency to handle the property during the next four years.

Other than the General Conference, The Methodist Church has no agency at present which is empowered to buy and maintain property in the interest of the general church.

The Board of Temperance purchased the tract for \$1,500,000 in 1957 when it appeared that the federal government would preempt the Methodist Building here on Capitol Hill. Congress has postponed action, but it is believed that the government will eventually acquire the site as a part of its expansion program.

The 18-acre tract to be offered to General Conference borders the campuses of two Methodist institutions — American University and Wesley Theological Seminary — and is adjacent to the Metropolitan Methodist Church. Nearby is another Methodist institution, the new \$8,000,000 Sibley Hospital and School of Nursing, now under construction.

At the time of purchase Bishop John Wesley Lord of Boston, Mass., president of the Board of Temperance, said "We have made possible a site for a great Methodist center if the church desires it."

If the General Conference accepts the property, it would reimburse the Board of Temperance and assume the indebtedness.

Presumably, any plans for a Methodist center would be placed in the hands of the General Conference's special committee for study and recommendation at the

1964 sessions.

The Protestant Episcopal and the Roman Catholic churches have centers in the National Capital in connection with great cathedrals. The United Presbyterian Church recently announced plans for a \$10,000,000 center to be built on land adjoining the Methodist tract.

## URGES FERVOR

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss., president of the Methodist



BISHOP MARVIN A. FRANKLIN

Council of Bishops, said at a meeting here that the unconcern of many Methodists about winning persons for Christ is appalling.

"The unconcern of people called Methodists is appalling today," said Bishop Franklin. "The unconcern of some of us who are preachers is appalling."

The bishop was a speaker for a national workshop for directors of evangelism in Methodist churches. Nearly 100 directors attended the meeting February 1-5

at the Board of Evangelism headquarters.

"We must recapture our evangelistic fervor," said Bishop Franklin.

"We Methodists could win a million people on profession of faith in a single year," he declared, "if we would make up our minds to do it."

## Christ Church, St. Pete Honors Former Ministers

On Sunday, January 31, a group of portraits of former ministers was displayed on the chancel of Christ Church, St. Petersburg. The portraits were done by the late artist Evelyn L. Longley (1920-1959) and were presented to the church in memory of her father, J. Wallace Longley (1890-1957), and her mother, Mrs. J. Wallace Longley.

The ministers pictured are: Alfred E. Drew, 1903; Addyman Smith, 1907; Samuel A. Keen, 1911; R. A. Carnine, 1917; Elmer Ellsworth Reynolds, 1922; Bishop Svhuylar E. Garth, 1930; Paul R. Horton, 1933; Clarence K. Vliet, 1943; Robert Z. Tyler, 1943; and P. M. Boyd, 1945. The year shown indicates the beginning of each ministry. The portraits will be displayed permanently in the Church Parlor.

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## Four Bishops Discuss Problems Related to The Central Jurisdiction

Since the 1956 General Conference in Minneapolis, a group of 10 persons known as the Commission to Study and Recommend Action Concerning the Jurisdictional System has been exploring the effectiveness of the existing jurisdictional setup with special emphasis on the future of the Central Jurisdiction.

The Jurisdictional system came into existence in 1939 at the merger of The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Methodist Protestant Church into The Methodist Church. To simplify administration, the church was divided into six Jurisdictions, five geographical and one—the Central Jurisdiction—composed of Negro Annual Conferences over most of the nation.

The 1956 General Conference adopted Amendment Nine, later approved by vote of the Annual Conferences, which set up machinery for the gradual and voluntary merging of Central with other Jurisdictions. It made it possible for any local church to transfer to any Annual Conference willing to accept it, and for a similar transfer of any Annual Conference to a new Jurisdiction. It also provided for Central's abolition when all its Annual Conferences have transferred away.

While the Commission will recommend to the General Conference in Denver retention of the present jurisdiction system, it does favor further easing of the transfer machinery and urges an end to segregation in The Methodist Church. It especially calls for the establishment of brotherhood committees in all local churches, supplemented by ministerial and study groups—all pointing toward the kind of "inter-racial brotherhood found in the Council of Bishops and in the general boards and agencies of the church."

In the light of that background, TOGETHER, Methodism's family magazine, asked four of the denomination's bishops to comment on specific phases of the Central Jurisdictional situation. Their copyrighted answers are carried in the March issue.

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, of the Pittsburgh Area, believes there is nothing in the present organizational framework of The Methodist Church to prevent improvement of racial relations. This improvement can be achieved, he says, "by getting acquainted, by working together, and by worshipping together."

Bishop Willis J. King, of the New Orleans Area of the Central

Jurisdiction, points out that "the bishops of the Central Jurisdiction are definitely in favor of abolishment of the Central Jurisdiction" and regard Amendment Nine as "not only giving the legal basis for such action but being a mandate in that direction." Such abolishment, they know, must be "eventual," because many factors are involved in the merger of Central Jurisdictional Annual Conferences with Annual Conferences of geographical jurisdictions.

In the meantime, explains Bishop King, "the bishops of the Central Jurisdiction feel a keen responsibility to maintain the Jurisdiction in some degree of strength as long as it has the status of a Jurisdiction. When the Jurisdiction goes, it should go out with honor, and with the conviction that it has made a genuine contribution to the ideal expressed in the familiar phrase of John Wesley, 'The Methodists are one people'."

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of the Charlotte (S. C.) Area sees no need for change in the present rules regulating the transfer of churches and Conferences to other Jurisdictions under Amendment Nine "unless we are to overrun the principle of voluntarism."

"It should never be forgotten that the church cannot pass laws and make regulations exactly as is done in the state... The church cannot compel anyone to do its will, for compulsion immediately drives people out of the church. In fact, the ultimate penalty which any church can ever visit upon its membership is expulsion, which itself completely destroys all fellowship.

"Since fellowship and mutual concord are the very heart of the whole life of the church, it can easily be seen that anything which destroys them will destroy the 'tie that binds'."

Concerning preachers who feel conscience-bound to express controversial views irrespective of the climate in which they express them, Bishop William C. Martin, of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, has this to say:

"In this whole area of preaching on controversial questions, the pastor needs to keep before him this question: 'Is my chief aim to deliver my soul on this issue, or is it to lead the people who are committed to my care from where they are toward a more Christian attitude in thought and behavior?'"

When a pastor gets into trouble with his congregation because he preaches the Gospel and reminds his people of the position their church has taken on controversial matters, explain Bishop Martin, it is sometimes well, by mutual agreement, to find another church

for him.

"But a congregation that insists upon a change for this reason should be told that the next pastor will be preaching the same Gospel and, in all probability, with much the same accent."

## Upper Room Celebrated 25th Anniversary Jan. 29

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Nearly 700 church leaders of at least 12 denominations attended The Upper Room's 25th anniversary celebration January 29 in Richmond, Virginia.

The occasion was a dinner at which the publication's annual citation for outstanding contributions to world Christian fellowship was presented to the Rev. Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond.

Dr. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, was cited as a "devoted servant of the Church Universal."

The citation was presented by the Rev. Dr. Manning Potts, Nashville, editor of The Upper Room.

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**February 28.** "And Joy is My Witness," a religious dance program by Pearl Lang and her dance group danced to Tocatta, Adagio and Fugue in C Major by Bach. A brief explanation of what modern religious dance is will precede the three-part demonstration.

Programs for the March series as presently scheduled are:

**March 5.** "Rembrandt and the Gospel," writer, Bernard Reines; based on a book of the same title written by W. O. Visser't Hooft, Secretary General of the World Council of Churches. This is an interview, a discussion with Dr. Visser't Hooft of the importance of religious art, particularly of Rembrandt's paintings. Many of Rembrandt's paintings will be on view.

**March 13.** "The Grandeur and Misery of Man," a series of dramatic readings compiled by Tom Driver of Union Theological Seminary, New York City that demonstrate that man is both noble and mean and that the way of faith is not to try to be noble, but to abandon oneself to the direction of God. This is a one-man show. Sir Cedric Hardwicke is the reader.

**March 20.** **FRONTIERS OF FAITH** turns again to dramatic programs—dealing with certain aspects of the teachings of Jesus. This Sunday — "Turn Off the Music" written by Steven Gethers. It revolves around two statements of Jesus—the second and greatest commandment, "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself" and "He Who Loses His Life Shall Find It." This is a contemporary play about the kind of people we all know intimately.

**March 27.** "Self Portrait," written by Elliott Baker. The story is built upon two sayings of Jesus. "Be not anxious for your life, what you shall eat"—etc. and "He that exalts himself shall be humbled"

—etc. It is the story of an artist who finds his true vocation.

Watch your local listings for further news of **FRONTIERS OF FAITH** programs.

## NEW MISSIONARY

**NEW YORK** — The Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Hambrick, 744 Maynard Terrace, Atlanta, Ga.,



**MRS. HAMBRICK**

were among 85 persons commissioned as home and overseas missionaries of the Methodist Church January 22 at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Hambrick will go to Okinawa to do educational work and to work with university students. Mrs. Hambrick is the former Miss Joyce Bourlay of Leesburg, Fla. For the last two years, Mr. Hambrick has been pastor of the Methodist Church in Bridgehampton, L. I., N. Y.

The group of 85 is believed to comprise the largest number of new Methodist missionaries ever to be commissioned at one time. The new missionaries will serve throughout the United States including Alaska and Hawaii and in 20 countries of Asia, Africa, and North and South America. They were commissioned by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., president of the Methodist Board of Missions.

The overseas missionaries will serve under two divisions of the board, the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Those in home fields will serve under the Division of National Missions and the Woman's division. The new missionaries represent a variety of occupations, including the ministry, teaching, social work, nursing, architecture, agriculture, engineering and business administration.

Born in Atlanta, Mr. Hambrick spent his early life there and at-

tended Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. He was graduated in 1952 with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. He took ministerial training at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., and received the bachelor of divinity degree in 1959.

From 1952 to 1955, Mr. Hambrick was a special-term Methodist missionary to Okinawa where he organized a Student Christian Movement among the students at the University of the Ryukyus. He was appointed to the Bridgehampton Church in 1958. He is a ministerial member-on-trial in the New York East Methodist Conference.

## Methodist Briefs . . .

**Bishop A. Frank Smith** of Houston, Texas, was honored at the recent meeting of the Board of Missions in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., for his 20 years of service as president of its Division of National Missions. He will retire this summer. Friends eulogized his work and presented him a check and a book of letters.

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## Keith Tonkel

Nine cents, a great deal of courage and determination, and a desire to serve God have taken a young Emory theology student to Europe and back again.

Keith Tonkel and two other young preachers hitch-hiked through the United States, Canada and Great Britain to learn and share.

"Our trip was dedicated to the proposition that all people are created with the capacity to love one another," said Keith.

"We started out from Jackson with a pile of luggage that would discourage any good Samaritan and a sign that said 'Montreal please.'" "Later," said the young minister, "we added signs like 'Montreal, via Birmingham, please'."

"Nobody thought we could do it, but we made it. One town in Canada we had to spend the night in jail but that was the only place where people didn't take us in."

The youthful preachers did make it to Montreal and by ship from there to England where they preached at many Methodist meetings.

"I even preached from John Wesley's pulpit in London," laughed Keith. "But it was to an empty auditorium and my sermon was brief. I just wanted to say I had been in Wesley's pulpit."

"What we really saw on our long hitch-hike was the goodness in the world. You only need to look for the good to find it, but need to look good."

Keith has told the story of his trip in a book "Finally the Dawn," published by E. L. Mendenhall, Inc. of Kansas City, Mo.

The author is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Tonkel of Jackson, Miss. Now a freshman in theology at Emory, he is also assistant pastor at Northside Methodist Church in Atlanta.

Following graduation from college in 1958, Keith was found to have cancer. Medically, a year ago things looked dark indeed. But Keith has confounded the doctors.

Recently a doctor-friend said, "Why, you're as healthy as I am."

His reply: "Of course, Doc. We're lucky enough to have two great teams working for us—you and your colleagues — and Him and His."

## Methodists Show Concern For Japanese Stranger

When Miss Kimi Masuda came from her native Hiroshima, Japan, to the United States in 1957 to study art, she studied for a while at Pendle Hill School, Pennsyl-

vania, and at the Brooklyn Museum Art School. Then—securing a position with the Japanese Consulate in New York to support her studies—she made her home in Whitestone, Long Island, attended services in Epworth Methodist Church, Whitestone, and studied evenings at Columbia University. She was popular, and made friends everywhere.

Then, a month ago, doctors found Kimi was suffering from leukemia. Perhaps, they thought, she was a victim of this common post-war killer from the atomic blast in Hiroshima: she was out of the city at that time, but returned soon afterward. Doctors at the Queens General Hospital (Jamaica, L. I.) treated the 28-year-old girl and planned to return her to her mother's home in Hiroshima when recovery was impossible. A young man of the Whitestone Church gave her a blood transfusion, and others stood ready to do the same. But suddenly she became worse and died before she could be flown home. A largely attended memorial service was held in Epworth Church, with the Rev. Wilbur H. Bartholemew in charge. Half the attendants were members of the Church; the others were Japanese friends, most of them from the Consulate. Kimi's ashes have been returned to her home community, and a tape recording of the memorial service has been sent her mother.

This concern of Christian strangers for Kimi Masuda will never be forgotten," said one Japanese at the service. "It has touched all our hearts."

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## DR. R. J. PARKER



DR. RICHARD JOSEPH PARKER

Dr. Richard Joseph Parker, 81, honorary associate pastor of the Hyde Park Church, Tampa, for the past four years, died January 31 at the home of a son in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dr. Parker, a member of the Western North Carolina Conference for more than 50 years, served as missionary secretary of the Church's Mexican and Cuban missions for 27 years. Following retirement, he served as an interpreter of Spanish.

He was visiting his son, Dr. Edwin W. Parker, pastor of Tulsa's First Methodist Church, at the time of his death. Dr. Parker retired in 1943 but continued actively in church work until his death.

Funeral services were held at the Hyde Park Church, Tampa, on February 5th, with the pastor, Dr. Laurie G. Ray officiating, assisted by Dr. R. L. Allen, Tampa District Superintendent. Burial was at Myrtle Hill Memorial Park.

## Council Commends POAU

WASHINGTON, D. C. — An independent organization in the field of religious liberty, "Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State,"—commonly called POAU—has been endorsed by the Coordinating Council of The Methodist Church.

The council, headed by Bishop Charles W. Brashares of Chicago, has just completed a study of POAU at the request of the 1956 General Conference of The Methodist Church, the denomination's

top legislative and policy-making body.

In a report of its findings, the council recommends that the 1960 General Conference, to be convened April 27 in Denver, Colo., adopt a resolution which would:

1. "Commend the efforts of POAU to preserve the principle of separation of church and state as presently expressed in the First Amendment of the Federal Constitution and in the constitutions and laws of most of the states;

2. Urge POAU particularly to continue and accelerate its program aimed at preventing the use of public funds for the support of church activities in the United States;

3. Urge upon our Methodist people, churches and conferences the importance of providing financial support for POAU."

The Rev. Dr. Louie D. Newton, widely-known Baptist minister of Atlanta, Ga., is president of POAU. Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington is a vice president.

Washington is headquarters of POAU. Both Glenn L. Archer, executive director, and the Rev. C. Stanley Lowell, associate director, are Methodists.

## The Old Timer



"Prosperity is something you feel, fold, and send to Washington."

## Order Your Daily Christian Advocate Now

CHICAGO — Dr. T. Otto Nall, editor of the **Christian Advocate**, will again serve as editor of the **Daily Christian Advocate** to be published during the General Conference in Denver, April 27 to May 11.

Assisting him will be Newman S. Cryer, Jr., managing editor of the **Christian Advocate**; Charles Munson, associate editor in charge of news for both **Together** and the **Christian Advocate**; Grant J. Verhulst, public relations manager of both magazines; James Wall, news writer; and Miss Else Bjornstad, editorial assistant in charge of research.

Warren P. Clark, business manager, announces that subscriptions to the **Daily Christian Advocate** will be taken in advance, as in former years. The cost for 13 issues mailed in one bundle at the close of the Conference will be \$2. Persons wishing to subscribe for a complete set bound can do so for \$3. Delivery date for such bound volumes will be close to September 1. For daily delivery via airmail, the subscription price will be \$5.

"Interest in the Conference Daily on the part of pastors and laymen at home has been increasing in recent years," reports Mr. Clark. "During the 1956 Conference in Minneapolis, more than 2,000 persons subscribed. Of this number, 500 subscriptions were sent out each day via airmail to keep readers back home posted on the day-to-day proceedings at the Conference."

All advance orders should be addressed to Business Manager, **Daily Christian Advocate**, 740 North Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

## WHAT EVERY PREACHER KNOWS — (And Every Layman, too)

The local budget of the Church is the target of every cause, commission, and crusade. If an item can be placed in the budget, then the goose hangs high.... Provided, of course, you can raise your budget!

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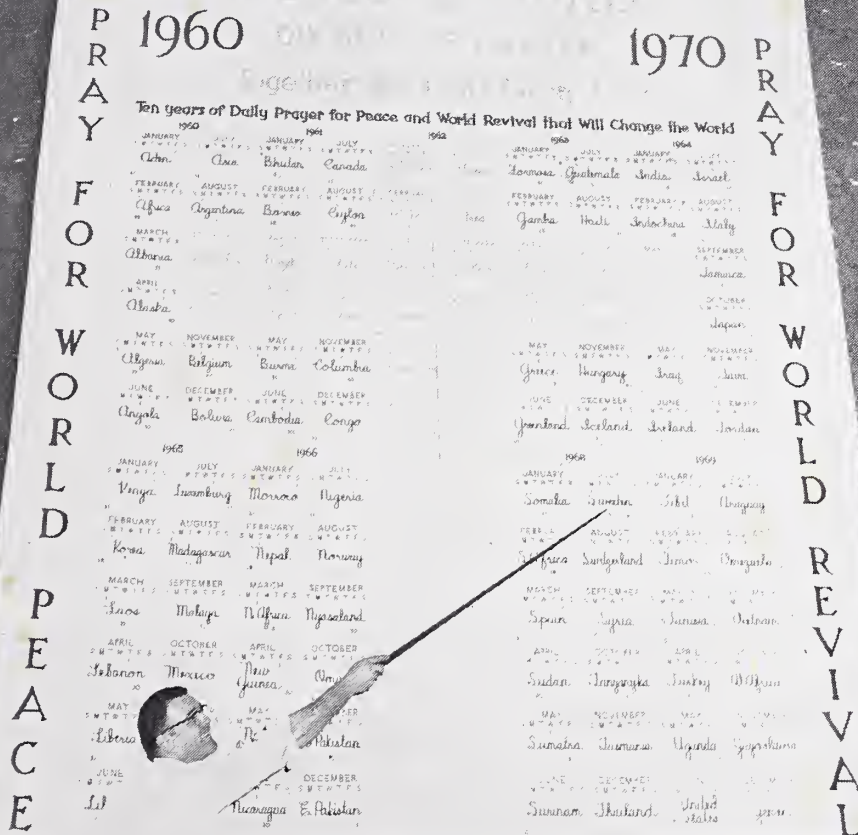
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# The Florida Methodist

March 1, 1960

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This ten-year prayer calendar will be displayed at the Methodist General Conference, April 27 to May 7 in Denver, and at some of the denomination's 1960 jurisdictional conferences. It is being used in connection with the international "Decade of Prayer" that the Methodist General Board of Evangelism will be promoting from 1960 to 1970.

Shown with the calendar is the Rev. Elton F. Jones, pastor of First Methodist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.. He and his wife made it, working more than 400 hours on the project.

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## The YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By HOOVER RUPERT

**YOU GET DOUBLE**

There is an old legend which tells of a journey of Saint Martin of Tours. As he traveled he caught up with two men going the same way. It did not take long for their conversation to reveal the kind of persons they were. One was a greedy fellow who was obviously covetous of anyone who had anything he did not have. The other man combined the deadly sins of jealousy and envy in his personality.

According to the legend, when Saint Martin came to leave them, he offered to grant them a parting wish. It was this: whichever of the two would make a wish first would have his wish fulfilled. But the other man would get exactly double of what the first man had wished. This stumped the two fellows. The greedy man surely wanted his wish, but he also wanted the double portion. The envious man also desired to make his wish, but he couldn't bear the thought of the other fellow getting twice as much as he would get if he made the wish. So, each waited for the other man to make a wish. Finally, the greedy man jumped on the other and seized him by the throat. He threatened to choke him to death unless he made the wish. The envious man didn't want to die and gasped out his wish: "I wish to be made blind in my left eye." The legend has it that immediately he lost the sight of the one eye. But, of course, the other fellow became blind in both eyes—double portion of the first man's wish.

While it's only a legend, it says something to youth in modern

**On A Wide Circuit . . .****We Attack the Diseases of Asia**

By W. W. REID

The last ten years have seen great advance in both the control and prevention of diseases in most of the teeming countries of Asia, according to Dr. Spurgeon M. Keeny, director for that continent of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). While much of the advance has been through UN agencies, there has also been co-operation by long-existing missionary groups, and by governments.

"But," warns Dr. Keeny, "one child in five in Asia still dies in its first year of life; in the United States, one in forty. There is still much to do; but in the last ten years we have learned much about how to do it. The harvest of the next ten years will be better."

"When I went to Asia ten years ago, the continent, without China, had nearly 800,000,000 people," says Dr. Keeny. "Eight out of ten of them lived in villages. There were very few doctors. One solution was to produce more and more doctors. This offered little hope for the rural areas. The average family of five in Asia lives on the equivalent of seventy-five cents to a dollar a day. By the time five rice bowls have been filled, there is not much left for the doctor."

The strategy developed, however, was to make mass attack upon a few diseases that could be treated at a low cost per patient, that would not require hospitalization, and that could be carried on by numbers of laymen — under medical direction. The first disease attacked was malaria, "the number one killer of Asia." People

could be immunized cheaply — and by non-doctors.

"There were 300,000,000 people living in heavily affected areas, and another 250,000,000 outside those areas who had a fairly good chance of getting it," says the Doctor. "The weapon was DDT. The method was one which had just been successfully demonstrated: the spraying of the inside walls of houses once or twice a year. This method was one of the great discoveries of our century. It took advantage of the fact that the malaria-carrying mosquito, after biting her victim, flies to the nearest wall to digest her meal. She gets DDT on her feet—and that's the end. UNICEF began by offering a ton of free DDT for every ton the governments bought in addition to what they had been buying. India, the largest consumer, had been buying less than 400 tons, and Asia's total consumption per year was probably not more than 1,000 tons. Today India uses annually 20,000 tons of imported DDT plus 5,000 tons made in the country. The consumption throughout Asia is at least thirty times what it was ten years ago. At least half the population at risk — more than 500,000,000 — are being protected. Every country in Asia is doing something about malaria eradication; the latest to join is Pakistan. The total cost is about twenty cents a year per person during the years of spraying. It takes four or five years of spraying and three more of surveillance to find every case of malaria, but the job is nearly half done. By 1965 most countries will have finished their spraying and will be

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world living. So much of rivalry and greed walks the road of our life. How often we hurt ourselves in our jealousy and greed trying to spite others! If I can't have it and have it better than the other fellow, then I'll do without it — just so he can't have it.

Do you recall that old trick mothers have for assuring equity. Say there is a wedge of cake left and two youngsters are interested in consuming it. There's enough for both of them, but the inevitable struggle threatens as to who gets the biggest piece. So Momma plays it smart. She says one of the two youngsters gets to cut the cake in half and the other gets his first choice of pieces. That's a smooth way of solving three problems at once: The one who cuts the cake will try his best to make the division evenly, else he

will have the smaller piece; the person who chooses first will feel he has really come out best of all; and, neither can complain afterwards that either Momma or the other youngster put it over on him.

No smart trick or clever ruse is going to make much difference in the long run to the person who is basically greedy or envious. The only way to overcome the problems growing out of covetousness and jealousy, is to overcome these deadly sins themselves. Now it so happens, I have known few if any persons who have overcome these problems on their own strength. But I know many who have mastered them through accepting the discipline of Christian discipleship as the means toward gaining the spirit of Christ. It could happen in your case too!



## STOWERS SCHOLARSHIP



Left to right: Dean William R. Cannon of the Candler School of Theology, Hugh White, and Mrs. Helen Stowers.

Hugh White of Columbus, Ga., has been given the first Helen Stowers Award by the scholarship committee at Emory University's White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. White of 4002 Woodruff Rd., Columbus, Ga.

The Stowers Award is provided

by the Theology Class of 1959 in honor of Mrs. Helen Stowers in the office of field work. Class President Fred Rumsey of Tampa, Fla., called the project "a genuine expression of appreciation for a gracious friend of every student in the School of Theology."

## Methodists Look At the Gambling Racket

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The gambling fever is so powerful that 10 million adult Americans gamble regularly, "butting their heads and dollars against odds that make it impossible for them to win," a Methodist seminar group has told here.

"Nearly all gamblers are motivated by the desire to get something for nothing," said Dr. Ernest Blanche of Kensington, Md.

Formerly the Army's chief statistician and long a college teacher and consultant on gambling, Dr. Blanche spoke at a National Seminar on Alcohol and Gambling Legislation held here Feb. 9-12 by the Methodist Board of Temperance.

He is author of the book, "You Can't Win," published by Public Affairs Press.

Most gambling games are rigged, Dr. Blanche said, and even when they are honest the odds are such that, over any period of time, the bettor can't possibly win.

He added:

Some 26 million Americans play bingo, buy lottery tickets, take part in raffles or attempt to beat the baseball and football game odds. Bingo operators pocket a profit of 50 to 80 per cent. The

"take" of operators of baseball and football pools often runs as high as 80 or 90 per cent.

The 14 million slot machine addicts wage a perpetual losing battle because all slot machines are fixed to retain from 40 to 80 per cent of the money put in them.

About eight million Americans waste time and money trying to beat the numbers game—"a form of lottery which is very popular in large cities and is generally classified as the poor man's form of gambling." Operators pay off at the rate of only 400 to 600 to 1.

About half the states have legalized horse race betting. The states get from 3 to 6 per cent of the money bet, and the track operators get the rest. "For every dollar wagered legally at the tracks, a hundred dollars are wagered illegally with bookmakers throughout the country."

Carnival games "are strictly gypos."

Punchboard operators pocket between 50 and 70 per cent of the cash paid for chances.

"Although I've spent a substantial part of my life studying the techniques of gambling and foibles of gamblers," Dr. Blanche said, "I still can't figure out why, really why, people gamble."

Another "expert," Downey Rice, Washington lawyer and former

## Board Urges New Laws

LOS ANGELES—Executive committee members of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Relations said today California's capital punishment statutes are relics of pre-civilization days and ought to be replaced by advanced penal methods.

How deeply the American conscience revolts against capital punishment is pointed up by the Chessman case, and the convict's 11-year legal battle, one still to be prolonged, the committee said in a statement.

Events leading up to and surrounding Chessman's latest date with the gas chamber "have aroused primitive passions and morbid fascinations that degrade a civilized people."

"We believe now is the time to suspend or repeal the law which lifts the fate of such a personality to great heights, and even to international concern," members added.

The Board of Christian Social Relations is an agency of the Southern California - Arizona Methodist Conference.

The executive committee made it clear it holds no brief for Chessman. "By every evidence he contributed no social good, and his acts undermined the safety and decency of his fellows. But even in this type of misguided man there still resides a human dignity worthy of better than the gas chamber," the statement said.

So long as present laws are on the books, the committee said, civil servants, though they may be opposed to capital punishment, are bound to enforce them.

## 13,000th Charter Issued To Methodist Mens' Club

Charter No. 13,000 has just been issued by the General Board of Lay Activities to the Methodist Men's club of Trinity Church, Mt. Prospect, Ill. This announcement was made Feb. 2 by Dr. Don L. Calame of Chicago, director of the board's department of Methodist Men. He pointed out that the issuance of the 13,000th charter exceeds by 500 a goal of 12,500 clubs, which the board had set more than three years ago as a target to be reached by May 31, 1960.

FBI agent, warned that there is an upsurge in many states to legalize gambling in the hope of gaining revenue.

He said that records show that gangsters are behind most gambling operations, and even when a state legalizes a form of gambling the gangsters stay on to run clubs and rackets.



## NEW CHURCH AT WHITE CITY



Some eighty persons attended the Organization Day services for the new White City Methodist Church which has developed under the leadership of the Rev. P. R. Russell.

On January 31st, Dr. Henry W. Blackburn, District Superintendent of the West Palm Beach District, preached and forty-eight

persons answered the invitation to become members of the new congregation. Fourteen of these came on Profession of Faith.

A building site already has been purchased for \$22,500. The first \$3,000 of the cost has been paid by members of First Church, Ft. Pierce, which is sponsoring the new congregation.

## Theology Schools

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, president of the Methodist Council of Bishops, is the subject of a lead story in the Emory University "Alumnus" March issue.

Under the heading "The World's Number One Methodist" the magazine tells the story of this remarkable Methodist figure. A native of White County in the mountains of North Georgia, Bishop Franklin attended old Emory College at Oxford, Ga., in 1911. He had started preaching the year before at the age of 16. Because the University of Georgia at Athens was nearer his new charge, he left for Athens after one semester at old Emory.

But fond memories of Emory-at-Oxford and its close ties with Methodism remain. "The cemetery at Oxford is the Westminster Abbey of Georgia Methodism," he said.

The magazine article adds that four of the six bishops currently serving the Southeastern jurisdiction are Emory alumni. They are Bishop Nolan B. Harmon (1919-Theology), Bishop Arthur J. Moore (1914), Bishop Bachman G. Hodge (1921 - Theology), and Bishop Franklin.

Bishop William T. Watkins who retired recently because of ill health is of the class of 1916. Retired Bishop Clare Purcell is of the class of 1916. Retired Bishop Clare Purcell is of the class of 1908.

All of the bishops serving the Southeast, Emory alumni included, hold honorary degrees from the university. Bishop Roy H. Short and Bishop Paul N. Garber received honorary degrees in

1957 at the time Bishops Hall was dedicated as a gift of the jurisdiction to the Candler School of Theology at Emory. Bishop Costen J. Harrell (retired) and Bishops Franklin, Harmon, Hodge and Purcell were all honored at that time.

On Emory's thirty-three man board of trustees are Bishops Franklin, Harmon, Moore, Watkins (emeritus) and Harrell.

Emory's Candler School of Theology trains more Methodist Ministers than any other seminary in the world. Some 229 ministers in the Florida conference are Emory-trained. At present there are 39 students from the conference in theology training at Emory.

## Methodist Temple Men's Club Receives Charter

The newly organized Methodist Men's Club of Methodist Temple, Lakeland, recently received the Charter at the Charter Meeting, which was attended by a good group from the church and several Lakeland District leaders. A delicious pancake and sausage supper was prepared by several



METHODIST TEMPLE MEN

men of the club. William Adams, President, presided at the meeting and officially received the charter from John Sargent, Lakeland District Lay Leader. Also taking part were Rev. John R. Hunt, pastor, and Dr. Raymond A. Alley, District Superintendent. Dr. Clare M. Cotton, pastor of Lakeland's First Church was the inspirational speaker.

## TRAFICO Seeks Los Angeles Office

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission here hopes to open a branch office in Los Angeles to exert a "constructive influence on mass entertainment."

The commission has asked for \$30,000 annually for the proposed West Coast office. The request was made to the Methodist Council on World Service and Finance, Chicago, which, if it concurs, will submit it to the Methodist General Conference, meeting April 27 to May 7 in Denver.

If the General Conference approves the request, it is expected that the office will be opened soon afterward, said the Rev. Dr. Harry C. Spencer, Nashville.

The proposed \$30,000 annual budget would be for salaries of an executive, a secretary, office expenses and travel.

"Los Angeles is one of the greatest centers of mass communication in the world," said Dr. Spencer. "The Methodist Church needs an office in the heart of such a place, where decisions are being made that determine the kind of influence films, television and radio will have on the nation."

## New Booklet On Christian Vocations

In a new booklet **The Commission on Christian Vocations in the Annual Conference**, the late Dr. Marcus J. Birrell discusses seven areas in which the annual conference commission on Christian vocations may advance its work. Dr. Birrell was executive secretary of the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations at the time of his death last November.

The conference commission, in co-operation with the Interboard Committee and local churches, has the ultimate aim of helping persons to receive God's guidance in choosing life work and to realize a real sense of vocation in it. A primary task of the commission is to present service opportunities within The Methodist Church.

The booklet (3211-B) is available from the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2.



## Why Methodists Have Hospitals and Homes

Excerpts from an address delivered by Dr. T. Otto Nall, of Chicago, Ill., at a meeting of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes

John Wesley's heart-warming experience at Aldersgate did not diminish his interest in the poor. His concern in theology never took precedence over his passion for serving the humble, who could not be expected to have any theology, except that most important of all theologies which centers about love for God and man. While some of his followers have made his doctrine of Christian perfection, the only original Methodist contribution to theology, a self-conscious and self-centered matter, Wesley himself thought of its far-reaching social implications. He insisted that no one could become holy in isolation; he had to have company to appreciate fellowship with God, and he could not claim to love God while hating his neighbor.

In every effort he made to meet human need there is clearly evident his belief that man's greatest need is God. So, he founded poor houses and orphanages, he took up collections for the needy and organized schools for the neglected children in the streets. But his greatest emphasis was on the private, personal service that he and his people gave.

This idea of personal service has persisted with us. Our houses of healing, our homes for children, our sanctuaries for the aging have avoided becoming mere institutions. We have welcomed people because they needed us, not because they were Methodists, or even Protestants, or, for that matter, believers at all. And, recognizing that Christian compassion is far more than humanitarianism, we have tried to surround them with the protecting, curing, living qualities of Christian love. What do such ideas about philanthropy, its uses and abuses, suggest for the philanthropic program in The Methodist Church today and tomorrow?

First, we ought to strengthen and intensify those services in which we make a unique contribution. There are areas in which we are not doing better than anywhere else. There are places where we are not actually needed, though none where we are merely serving ourselves.

It is of more than ordinary concern to Methodists that our hospitals are more than competitors for Blue Cross funds, and our homes for the aging more than competitors for Social Security benefits. When we discover and develop our own special mission, we multiply our effectiveness manyfold.

Second, we ought to use our God-given talents to go on pio-

neering, which has always been the function of the church in philanthropy. Only recently have civic organizations and finally governments come into this area. It has taken the church a long time to awaken consciences. Respect for human dignity, regard for personality have come slowly. Only recently has the care of the sick been taken seriously. It was not until the beginning of the 18th century that centers beyond the largest cities had anything like hospitals, and homes for children and the aging are of even more recent development.

In all these ventures Methodism was in advance of other churches of the day, but our building did not outrun our thinking and teaching and preaching. At home, as well as on the mission field overseas, our church has insisted that service is a large part of Christianity, and that health and welfare should be the possession of those who lack means to pay, and even for those who must be awakened to their own needs.

How then can our Methodist hospitals continue their pioneering at home and abroad?

In many ways, among them: continuing and enlarging the process of education for better health; acquainting the public with the facts about cancer and heart ailments; working to defeat the fearsome scourge of polio; facing the facts about mental illness and cooperating with the medical centers in our universities to develop therapy; disseminating information on the population explosion and planned parenthood; continuing research in the area of the aging; developing better plans for child care; fighting alcoholism.

The family is the special concern of the church. If this most important of social units is to survive the church must help. For its own sake, the church needs to strengthen the family, for it is doubtful that the church can long survive if the family goes. The hospital can give new dimensions to family health. The church hospital can further the growing partnership between the clergyman and the physician. The wise physician knows that he must be something of a psychiatrist, and the discerning clergyman is sure that the well-being of the body has much to do with the health of the soul.

Then, there is the important subject that has gone by the unfortunate name of "faith healing". Without faith, no medicine can be effective, and no operation can be successful.

Third, we ought to confront, frankly and fearlessly, the problems that the new role of the state poses for the church. There are many who think that the church's proper role is one of partnership. The church is supposed to put a motif of service and spiritual meaning into the welfare activity of the state. The church is expected to bring justice and love into a working relation.

There are churchmen who have become weary of social-welfare practices that have no religious principles or implications. The unalienable rights are God-given, and the sooner we recognize the responsibilities that go along with them, the better. It is the clear duty of the church to teach those responsibilities, and to make plain the difference between the justice the citizen may expect from the state and the charity he may expect from the church.

## Prayer Calendar Unveiled

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — A ten-year prayer calendar was unveiled here just before midnight New Year's Eve in a service launching the Methodist-sponsored international "Decade of Prayer."

The calendar, about ten by 12 feet, was made by the Rev. and Mrs. Elton F. Jones. He is pastor of Central Methodist Church, Knoxville, where the "Decade of Prayer" was launched December 31 and January 1. Robert Tuttle, an architect who is a member of Central Church, drew the plans for the calendar.

It took more than 400 hours work to make the calendar, which is of white felt with a rubberized backing. A total of 33,400 yards of thread was used.

The name of a different country is on each of the 120 monthly calendars on the big calendar. Gold thread was used on certain portions so that a golden cross is in the center of the calendar.

At the top in gold letters is the declaration, "Jesus Is Lord."

It is planned that the calendar will be exhibited at the Methodist General Conference and jurisdictional conferences in 1960. It will be used in this country this year and in other countries later.

Among the daily prayer emphases of the "Decade of Prayer" are world peace and world revival.

## Methodist Briefs . . .

Dean Merrimon Cuninggrim of Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, has resigned to become director-designate of the Danforth Foundation in St. Louis. He began his work with the foundation July 1.



# Woman's Society of Christian Service

## and Wesleyan Service Guild

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We would like to lift up to you, The Theme of the March, 1960 program for The Woman's Society and The Guild — "How Total is My Stewardship?" — in the Church, The Woman's Society and The Guild, in all walks of life. Will you read with me and keep in mind a few verses from Matthew, Chapter 6:19-23rd verses—R.S.V.? What does Stewardship mean to YOU—in Tims, Possessions, Talents? Wm. Cutler writing "Poems with Power" gives to us the following verses:—

"Hide not your talent in the earth;

However small it be,  
Its faithful use, its utmost worth,  
God will require of thee.

"The humblest service rendered here,

He will as truly own  
As Paul's in his exalted sphere,  
or Gabriel's near the throne.

"His own, which He hath lent on trust,

He asks of thee again;  
Little or much, the claim is just,  
and thy excused vain.

"Go then and strive to do thy part  
Though humble it may be,  
The ready hand, the willing heart,  
Are all Heaven asks of thee."

It is hoped each Society will observe the "Day Apart Services" — "AND NOW ABIDETH" — by Louise Root, appearing in the Feb. first Methodist Woman, during the Lenten Season, which ties in so beautifully with this program on Stewardship—for if we have a closer walk with God and abide in His love, we will give of our Time, Possessions and Talents to His service. We would like to call to your attention a poem "A Time Apart" appearing with the above mentioned article written by Ruth Barker Stearns. Ruth is no other person than our own Mrs. George Stearns, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service of the Gainesville District, and a member of The Woman's Society of The First Methodist Church, Gainesville. We are proud of this member and give to you this poem in case you have not seen it—

### A TIME APART

Our Lord and Savior felt the need,  
To go apart and pray,  
This fact has emphasis for us,  
Two thousand years away.  
In times of quietness, He strove  
to learn His Father's will,

And garnered needed strength to bear a cross up Calvary's hill.

If in the press of our today,

A time apart we borrow,  
The wisdom and strength we'll find,  
to guide us through tomorrow.

Gainesville District observed "The Day Apart" Service in McIntosh Feb. 18th. Two other Districts have sent us dates:—Miami will observe the day, March 30th at St. John's on the Lake, at Miami Beach and the Tampa District—March 31st at Ruskin, with Mrs. John B. Wood, Leader, using the Theme—"Maintain the Glow."

Our Fla. Conference President, Mrs. H. V. Weems writes of the very fine Annual meeting of The Woman's Division and The Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls in January. We will be hearing more of this as the year goes by. A particular item of interest to the Women of Florida was the recommendation and approval of Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Lakeland, Mrs. David R. Thurman, Miami and Mrs. Howard V. Weems, Sebring, to be among the 50 official delegates from the Woman's Societies in the U.S.A. to the World Federation of Methodist Women meeting in Oslo, Norway, August, 1961. This meeting will be followed by The World Methodist Council which they will also attend.



POLLY LASSITER

Miss Polly Lassiter, Florida Rural Worker in Perry; Miss Margaret Fields, R.N. of Brewster Methodist Hospital, Jacksonville; Mrs. David J. Cathcart and Mrs. H. V. Weems represented the Fla. Conference and Miss Sara Fernandez, Omaja, Oriente, Cuba, representing the Fla. Cuba Conference were the official members in the Buck Hill Falls meeting.

Several Conference Officers have called our attention to sev-

eral items of importance which are before us at this time in the work of The Woman's Society and The Guild. Mrs. Paul Stewart, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, recommends to us the use of the 20th Annual Report of The Woman's Division, especially page 21, "How to use the Annual Report." Every President and Secretary of The Guild should have a copy, for it is truly the "Fact Finding" book of our organization. Mrs. Stewart also reminds us the "Weekend of Missions" is July 22-24 and "The School of Missions" in July 25-29, both at Florida Southern College. The first "Flier" will be ready for the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy, Conference Secretary of The W.S.G., announces—The 15th Annual Florida Conference Guild Weekend, April 1, 2, 3, at Leesburg, Florida Methodist Youth Camp. Registration Blanks have been sent out by Mrs. R. L. Landers, 18 S. E. 10th St., Fort Lauderdale, Florida and she asks that you send in your reservation with registration fee of \$1.00 by March 15th. Mrs. Virgil Morgan, Florida Conference Secretary of Promotion has sent to us a "Tool Kit for Pastors," prepared by Mrs. Howard Weems, Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy and Mrs. Morgan. Emphasizing the fact—"We need to GROW from a Conference of 528 Churches with 466 Societies and 150 Guilds, to a 100 per cent organized Conference with a Woman's Society and/or a Wesleyan Service Guild or a District Member, in Every church of the Conference. Mrs. Morgan urges every Society to send to their District Secretary of Promotion the full list of officers after the District Annual Meeting, including the Secretary of W.S.G. and the chairman of Public Relations and the chairman of the Committee on Nominations. Page 267—Article 2, Section 1 of the 20th Annual Report tells of the duties and membership on the Standing Committee on Nominations for the Woman's Society in the Local Church and it is hoped all will become aware of this new By-law.

Mrs. Claude Neet, Florida Conference Recording Secretary, has sent to the Conference officers a copy of the tentative program for the Annual meeting, April 19, 20,



21 in White Temple, Miami, Fla. The Theme of the meeting is — "Maintain the Glow." Opening session will be Tuesday at 4 P.M. Special guests will be: Mrs. Ralph A. Ward, Hendersonville, N. C.; Mrs. John Branscomb, Mrs. David Cathcart, Rev. Thos. C. Mitchell, Dr. and Mrs. Charles T. Thrift and Mr. Philip J. Cartwright of Milburn, N. J.



DR. THRIFT

Dr. Thrift will bring to us the noon time message. A detailed program will appear in April 1st Florida Methodist. Mrs. Stanley Beidron, 513 Marjoria Ave., Coral Gables 34, Fla., is the General chairman. The Miami District President is Mrs. D. D. Richardson, 552 N. E. 138th St., N. Miami 61, Florida.

In case you don't know:—The "Love Gift" for this year will be used to furnish The Branscomb Memorial Auditorium which is to be built in Lakeland through the Florida Conference Church Extension program. A presentation "The Light of the World," will be given Tuesday evening—the only feature of the first night, with a Fellowship hour to follow in the Garden of Trinity Church.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD  
ITEMS:—(We wish we had more)

ORLANDO DISTRICT — Mrs. Wilson Read, President of the Guild of First Methodist Church, Eustis, tell of a very fine study on Africa, which was recently completed with Jurisdiction credit for the Woman's Society and The Guild. A morning class of 22 for the Woman's Society and 9 in the evening class. In addition to the text "The Way in Africa" and "Africa Disturbed," and Visual aid

program was given and shared by the Church School, Woman's Society and The Guild concluding with a Sunday evening service.

LAKELAND DISTRICT — Mrs. S. Lloyd Frisbie tells us The Guild month was observed by the District Executive Committee of the Woman's Society and The Guild holding a joint meeting at Morison Methodist Church, Leesburg, Jan. 24th where problems were discussed and a Fellowship hour was enjoyed with refreshments.

Your attention is called to an article in the Feb. issue of The Methodist Woman, describing the duties of the co-ordinator of the Woman's Society and The Guild in the local church. This article is written by Mrs. Don McDonald of Riverside Park Methodist Church W.S.G. Jacksonville. Mrs. McDonald is the Jacksonville District Chairman of Literature and Publications for the W.S.G. We would like to urge you to read this, that the work of the two groups will be better understood.

Mrs. Frisbie, Chairman of Public Relations for the Lakeland District also tells us: The officers of the District Woman's Society have compiled a letter with information for each Society instead of the Secretaries of Lines of work sending individual letters to their corresponding secretary. The letter is addressed to all Presidents and Secretaries of Promotion requesting them to give to each person her particular message and general information given to all members. The new plan should cut down materially on postage expense without sacrificing efficiency.

MRS. G. A. GRIFFIS, West Palm Beach District writes: The Woman's Society of First Methodist Church, Ft. Lauderdale had an outstanding Jurisdiction class on "The Way in Africa" with 87% attendance. Mrs. Brown, a world traveler, who had visited Dr. Albert Schweitzer's hospital showed slides of his work which she had made. The last session was a Brunch with table arrangements typical of African customs. The class closed with everyone writing a paragraph on what inspired them most in the study. The whole study was excellent.

The JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT sponsored "A Trip with a Mission," Feb. 20th with a bus load of enthusiastic members and friends visiting Stephen Foster Memorial at White Springs, Fla., Vashti School for Girls, Thomasville, Ga., and The Wesley Foundation at FSU, Tallahassee, Fla.

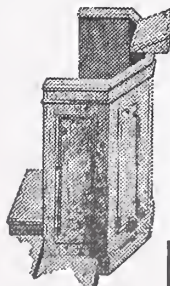
Mrs. Wayne Thompson tells us of the GOLDEN WEDDING Anni-

versary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Rivers, long-time members of Snyder Memorial Methodist



MR. and MRS. RIVERS

Church, Jacksonville were married in the study of the minister, Dr. Jessie Bowman, Jan. 20, 1910. They have been faithful members over the many years, Mr. Rivers has served the church for 46 years as Treasurer and Mrs. Rivers has filled many offices in the Ladies Aid Society until unification of all the work, when she became a charter member of the Woman's Society. At present she is Secretary of Student Work, remembering students and servicemen away from home with cheery messages, The Upper Room and homemade cookies at holiday time. Their two sons, Frank and Fred with their families gave a reception in honor of their parents in Fred's home. 2Mrs. Yolande Wright, President of The Woman's Society of Snyder Memorial Church presented in behalf of the Society and the Church, the couple with a Camellia decorated tree with "Growing Money" on each branch. The pastor, the Rev. Robert J. Gisler, rededicated the couple in Holy Matrimony.



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## A Record of the Giving of Methodists in the Florida Conference

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FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

### I. World Mission Specials

#### A. CUBA

##### 1. BISHOP'S PASTOR'S SALARY SUPPLEMENT FUND

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Lakeland: Trinity .....              | 23.00  |
| DeLeon Springs .....                 | 25.00  |
| Bethel Ct.: Pisgah .....             | 3.00   |
| Delray Beach, Cason Memorial ..      | 500.00 |
| Lakeland: Trinity .....              | 20.00  |
| Greater Miami: Grace .....           | 152.50 |
| Caesar Benitez in Cuba)              |        |
| Greater Miami: Wesley .....          | 100.00 |
| (Roberto Naranjos in Cuba)           |        |
| Deland: Trinity .....                | 270.00 |
| (Eleazar Legra' Agua de Pasejeros    |        |
| Deland: Trinity .....                | 270.00 |
| (Germinal Rivas, Preston, Cuba)      |        |
| Sarasota: First .....                | 100.00 |
| (Rev. Benito Acebo, Cuba)            |        |
| Coleman: Panasoffkee .....           | 10.00  |
| Greater Miami: Central Blvd. ....    | 9.38   |
| Greater Miami: Tarboux .....         | 90.00  |
| (BPSF at La Levisa)                  |        |
| St. Petersburg: Northside .....      | 100.00 |
| (BPSF-Roberto Lenz)                  |        |
| Tallahassee: Tallahassee Heights ..  | 8.20   |
| Greater Miami: Welsey .....          | 100.00 |
| (BPSF-Roberto Naranjos .....         | 100.00 |
| Key West: First .....                | 175.00 |
| St. Petersburg: Seminole .....       | 900.00 |
| Tampa: Hyde Park .....               | 300.00 |
| (Miss Maruja Olmo, Cuba)             |        |
| Tampa: Seminole Heights .....        | 100.00 |
| Windson: Campville .....             | .50    |
| Greater Miami: Tarboux .....         | 90.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Christ .....         | 200.00 |
| (Medardo Porras, Sierra Escombray)   |        |
| Liberty Ct.: Grace .....             | 2.00   |
| Liberty Ct.: Bristol .....           | 1.00   |
| Shady Grove, New Life .....          | 2.00   |
| Riverview .....                      | 25.00  |
| Pompano Beach: Trinity .....         | 5.00   |
| Stuart: First .....                  | 25.00  |
| Greater Miami: Grace .....           | 225.92 |
| (Caesar Benitez)                     |        |
| Jacksonville: Swaim Memorial ...     | 135.00 |
| (Manuel Viera Bernal)                |        |
| Kissimmee, First .....               | 10.00  |
| Greater Miami: Tarboux Mem. ....     | 90.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Northside .....      | 100.00 |
| (Roberto Lenz)                       |        |
| Tampa: Seminole Heights .....        | 100.00 |
| McIntosh .....                       | 5.00   |
| Spring Hill .....                    | 2.00   |
| Green Cove Springs .....             | 5.00   |
| Jacksonville: Mandarin .....         | 10.00  |
| Jacksonville: Osceola Forest ....    | 4.00   |
| Jacksonville: Wesconnett .....       | 18.00  |
| Dundee .....                         | 1.00   |
| Ocoee .....                          | 5.00   |
| Columbia City Ct.: Bethel .....      | 5.00   |
| Columbia City Ct.: Pleasant Gr. .... | 5.00   |
| Columbia City Ct.: Pleasant Grove    | 5.00   |
| Carrabelle: East Point .....         | 2.00   |
| Ft. White .....                      | 7.00   |
| Ft. White: Tustenuggee .....         | 5.00   |
| Shady Grove .....                    | 2.50   |
| Wellborn: Wellborn .....             | 20.00  |
| Wellborn: Huntsville .....           | 1.00   |
| Wellborn: Leona .....                | 2.00   |
| Wellborn: New Hope .....             | 2.00   |
| Wellborn: Pine Grove .....           | 4.00   |
| White Springs .....                  | 2.00   |
| Orlando: Goss Memorial .....         | 50.00  |

##### BISHOP'S REPAIR FUND

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Okeechobee Church ..... | 30.00 |
|-------------------------|-------|

##### BISHOP'S PIONEER FUND

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Clearwater: Belmont Park ..... | 15.00 |
|--------------------------------|-------|

##### BISHOP'S EMERGENCY FUND

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Orlando: Taft .....    | 10.00  |
| Ft. Myers: First ..... | 300.00 |

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Jacksonville: Anderson Memorial .. | 50.00 |
| Kissimmee, First .....             | 10.00 |

##### SEMINARY BUILDING FUND

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Daytona Beach: Community .... | 50.00 |
| (Mantanzas Seminary)          |       |
| Ft. Myers: First .....        | 50.00 |
| Melborne: First .....         | 55.00 |
| Melbourne: First .....        | 55.00 |

##### SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND (at \$600 each)

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Jacksonville: Lakewood .....      | 25.00  |
| Jacksonville: Lakewood .....      | 25.00  |
| Jacksonville: Lakewood .....      | 10.00  |
| Greater Miami: Coral Gables ....  | 50.00  |
| Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple ..... | 300.00 |
| Daytona Beach: Community .....    | 50.00  |
| St. Petersburg: First .....       | 200.00 |
| Greater Miami: Trinity .....      | 600.00 |
| Kissimmee, First .....            | 10.00  |
| Daytona Beach: Community .....    | 50.00  |

##### PRE-SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Lakeland: College Heights ..... | 80.00 |
|---------------------------------|-------|

##### CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE AND PUBLISHING FUND

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Clearwater: Friendship ..... | 10.00 |
| Vero Beach: First .....      | 20.00 |
| Clearwater: Friendship ..... | 10.00 |
| Tallahassee: Southside ..... | 25.00 |
| Tallahassee: Southside ..... | 25.00 |

##### AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Palatka: St. James .....           | 5.00   |
| Jacksonville: First .....          | 155.48 |
| Lee Ct.: Hickory Grove .....       | 9.87   |
| Jacksonville: First .....          | 5.00   |
| Jacksonville: Murray Hill .....    | 100.00 |
| Jacksonville: Southside Estates .. | 25.00  |

##### SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Jacksonville: Lakewood .....     | 25.00  |
| Jacksonville: Lakewood .....     | 25.00  |
| Jacksonville: Lakewood .....     | 10.00  |
| Daytona Beach: Community .....   | 50.00  |
| Belle Glade .....                | 4.75   |
| Miami: St. Paul's .....          | 60.00  |
| St. Augustine: First .....       | 30.00  |
| Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple .... | 140.00 |
| Palatka: St. James .....         | 50.00  |
| Williston: First .....           | 50.00  |
| Daytona Beach: Community .....   | 50.00  |
| Dunedin .....                    | 76.00  |
| Orlando: College Park .....      | 74.04  |
| Ft. Myers: First .....           | 200.00 |
| Palatka: St. James .....         | 5.00   |
| Jacksonville: Murray Hill .....  | 180.00 |
| Jacksonville: Murray Hill .....  | 80.00  |
| Jacksonville: Murray Hill .....  | 15.00  |
| Jacksonville: Murray Hill .....  | 30.00  |
| Jacksonville: Murray Hill .....  | 30.00  |
| Jacksonville: Murray Hill .....  | 10.00  |
| St. Augustine: First .....       | 30.00  |
| Clearwater: Belmont Park .....   | 65.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Allendale .....  | 250.00 |
| Tampa: Sarah Spencer .....       | 5.00   |
| Palatka: St. James .....         | 25.00  |
| Palatka: St. James .....         | 25.00  |
| Palatka: St. James .....         | 5.00   |
| Palatka: St. James .....         | 1.00   |
| Palatka: St. James .....         | 20.42  |
| Palatka: St. James .....         | 5.00   |
| Palatka: Trinity .....           | 25.00  |
| Jacksonville: Lake Shore .....   | 150.00 |
| Jacksonville: Riverview .....    | 40.00  |
| Miami: White Temple .....        | 400.00 |
| Mt. Dora First .....             | 87.50  |
| New Port Richey .....            | 24.00  |
| Williston .....                  | 100.00 |
| Jacksonville: Riverview .....    | 40.00  |
| Apopka: Scholarship for Jose     |        |
| Borden .....                     | 50.00  |

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|--------------------------------|-------|
| Daytona Beach: Community ..... | 50.00 |
| New Port Richey: First .....   | 36.00 |

##### CUBAN MISSIONARIES' SALARIES

|                                      |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Starke: Morrell Robinson Salary.     | 200.00  |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial        |         |
| J. Lloyd Knox Salary .....           | 100.00  |
| Miami: Coral Gables, First, Salary   |         |
| Rev. Hubert Floyd .....              | 450.00  |
| Orlando: Broadway: Salary, Rev.      |         |
| Gne Parks, Cuba .....                | 75.00   |
| Clearwater: First, Salary, Rev. For- |         |
| rell S. Robinson .....               | 1000.00 |
| St. Petersburg: First, Sup. Rev.     |         |
| John Stroud .....                    | 250.00  |
| Tampa: Bayshore .....                | 200.00  |
| Coral Gables: First, Salary, Rev.    |         |
| Hubert Floyd .....                   | 450.00  |
| Jacksonville: Woodstock .....        | 5.00    |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Memor-          |         |
| ial, Salary, Rev. Knox .....         | 100.00  |
| Miami: Trinity .....                 | 1500.00 |
| St. Petersburg: First, Sup. Rev.     |         |
| J. E. Stroud .....                   | 250.00  |
| Starke .....                         | 200.00  |
| Orlando: First, Salary, Rev. Victor  |         |
| Rankin .....                         | 750.00  |
| Madison: Ira E. Sherman, Salary.     | 1000.00 |
| Tallahassee: Trinity, Salary, Dr.    |         |
| Richard Milk .....                   | 2400.00 |
| Ocala: First, Salary, Dr. White ...  | 200.00  |
| Ocala: First, Salary, Dr. White ...  | 100.00  |
| Tampa: Trinity, Salary, Rev.         |         |
| Lloyd Knox .....                     | 100.00  |
| St. Petersburg: St. Luke's,          |         |
| Lloyd Knox Salary .....              | 2000.00 |
| Starke: Salary Merrell Robinson...   | 200.00  |
| Orlando: Broadway, Gene Parks        |         |
| Salary .....                         | 75.00   |
| Bradenton: Trinity, Salary           |         |
| J. Lloyd Knox .....                  | 300.00  |

##### CUBAN MISSIONARIES' WORK FUND

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Garden City .....                   | 60.00  |
| Lakeland: Methodist Temple ....     | 10.00  |
| Coral Gables: First .....           | 40.00  |
| Miami: Norland .....                | 33.50  |
| Ormond Beach .....                  | 50.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Child's Park ....   | 16.50  |
| Bonita Springs .....                | 25.00  |
| Tallahassee: St. Paul's .....       | 40.00  |
| Tampa: Belmont Heights .....        | 25.00  |
| Bartow: Asbury .....                | 10.00  |
| Dade City: First .....              | 100.00 |
| Greater Miami: Rader Memorial ..    | 20.00  |
| Orlando: Pine Castle .....          | 21.28  |
| Orlando: Reeves Memorial .....      | 40.00  |
| Clearwater: First .....             | 300.00 |
| (Rev. Parks, Cuba)                  |        |
| St. Petersburg: Christ .....        | 125.00 |
| St. Petersburg: First .....         | 60.00  |
| Bradenton: Trinity .....            | 350.00 |
| Sarasota: St. John's .....          | 25.00  |
| (Rev. Morrell Robinson)             |        |
| Ft. Pierce: First .....             | 5.00   |
| Bradenton: First .....              | 300.00 |
| (Robt. Eaker, Holguin, Cuba)        |        |
| Lakeland: Wesley Memorial .....     | 64.00  |
| (Victor Rankin)                     |        |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial       | 200.00 |
| Greater Miami: Trinity .....        | 200.00 |
| Orlando: First .....                | 33.00  |
| Bradenton: Trinity .....            | 300.00 |
| Wauchula .....                      | 150.00 |
| Tampa: Highland Avenue .....        | 10.00  |
| Boca Raton: First .....             | 10.00  |
| Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple ....    | 10.00  |
| Okeechobee: First .....             | 30.00  |
| Fernandina Beach, Memorial ....     | 25.00  |
| Bartow: First .....                 | 100.00 |
| Dade City: First .....              | 100.00 |
| Coral Gables, First .....           | 40.00  |
| Bethel: Midway .....                | 3.00   |
| Tallahassee: Tallahassee Hgts. .... | 16.38  |
| Woodville: St. Mark's .....         | 2.00   |
| West Palm Beach: .....              | 27.00  |
| Dade City: First .....              | 15.00  |
| Auburndale: First .....             | 50.00  |
| Lakeland: College Heights .....     | 20.00  |



# Christ and his Church

|                                        |        |
|----------------------------------------|--------|
| Orlando: Reeves Memorial .....         | 100.00 |
| Sanford: First .....                   | 15.00  |
| St. Petersburg: First (Rev. Stroud) .. | 60.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Seminole .....         | 30.00  |
| St. Myers: First (Carl Stewart) ..     | 50.00  |
| Tallahassee (Carl Stewart) .....       | 50.00  |
| Jacksonville District-at-large .....   | 162.20 |
| Lakeland: Methodist Temple .....       | 21.00  |
| (Lloyd Knox) .....                     |        |
| District-at-Large .....                | 352.66 |
| (Morrell Robinson Work) .....          |        |
| Greater Miami: Trinity .....           | 50.00  |
| (Carl D. Stewart Work Fund) .....      |        |
| Orlando: First .....                   | 10.00  |
| (Victor Rankin Work Fund) .....        |        |
| Orlando: First .....                   | 400.00 |
| (Rev. Victor L. Rankin) .....          |        |
| Orlando: Pine Castle .....             | 16.93  |
| (Fund for Morrell Robinson) .....      |        |
| District-at-Large .....                | 141.20 |
| (Morrell Robinson Work) .....          |        |
| Sanford: First .....                   | 100.00 |
| (Carl D. Stewart Work) .....           |        |
| Gainesville: First .....               | 100.00 |
| (Work of Robert Eaker) .....           |        |
| District-at-Large .....                | 142.00 |
| Lakeland: College Heights .....        | 20.00  |
| (Robert Eaker, Cuba) .....             |        |
| Greater Miami: Palm Springs .....      | 50.00  |
| Greater Miami: Southwest .....         | 25.00  |
| (Robert Eaker, Cuba) .....             |        |
| Sanford: First (Victor Rankin) ..      | 20.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Clearview .....        | 11.66  |
| West Madison: Cherry Lake .....        | 2.50   |
| (Work of Dr. Carl Stewart) .....       |        |
| Sanford: First .....                   | 20.00  |
| Pierce: First .....                    | 5.00   |
| (Dr. Carl Shaffer) .....               |        |
| Jacksonville: First .....              | 196.86 |
| (Morrell Robinson Work Fund) ..        |        |
| Jacksonville: Lakewood .....           | 42.52  |
| (Morrell Robinson Work Fund) ..        |        |
| Jacksonville: Lakewood .....           | 25.00  |
| (Morrell Robinson Work Fund) ..        |        |
| District at Large .....                |        |
| Morrell Robinson Work .....            | 265.00 |
| District at Large .....                |        |
| Morrell Robinson Work .....            | 159.00 |
| District at Large .....                |        |
| Morrell Robinson Work .....            | 182.15 |
| District at Large .....                |        |
| Morrell Robinson Work .....            | 109.10 |
| District Conference .....              |        |
| Morrell Robinson Work .....            | 204.50 |
| Fort Lauderdale: First .....           |        |
| Dr. John Stroud .....                  | 540.00 |
| Fort Beach: First .....                |        |
| Rev. Morrell Robinson .....            | 340.00 |
| Fort Beach: First, Robert Eaker ..     | 100.00 |
| Manandina Beach, Mem. Methodist        |        |
| Victor Rankin .....                    | 35.00  |
| Jacksonville: Anderson Memorial ..     |        |
| John Sherman Work .....                | 36.00  |
| Fortow: Asbury, Robert Eaker ..        | 10.00  |
| Simms: First, John Stroud .....        | 10.00  |
| Sanford: Rader Memorial .....          | 20.00  |
| Sanford: Rader Mem., John Stroud ..    | 100.00 |
| Sanford: First, Victor Rankin ..       | 6.25   |
| Sanford: Morrell Robinson .....        | 10.00  |
| Sanford: Morrell Robinson .....        | 25.00  |
| Sanford: Worth: Calvary .....          | 50.00  |
| Sanford: Worth: Calvary .....          |        |
| Lloyd Knox Work .....                  | 12.50  |
| Manandina Beach: Victor Rankin ..      | 35.00  |
| Sanford: Rader Mem., Robt Eaker ..     | 20.00  |
| Sanford: First, Rev. Eaker Work ..     | 50.00  |
| Tallahassee: Heights .....             |        |
| Sanford: Carl Stewart Work .....       | 22.08  |
| West Madison: Rocky Springs .....      |        |
| Sanford: Carl Stewart .....            | 1.50   |
| Sanford: Manhattan Ave. .....          |        |
| Lloyd Knox Work Fund .....             | 75.00  |
| Okeechobee: First, John Stroud Work    | 10.00  |

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Daytona Beach: Community .....        |        |
| Antonio Ruiz, Salary .....            | 50.00  |
| Dania .....                           | 20.00  |
| Juan Sanfriel Salary .....            | 100.00 |
| Orlando: Reeves Memorial .....        |        |
| Rev. Silvano Sanchez Salary ..        | 120.00 |
| Tampa: Tampa Heights .....            |        |
| Melbourne: First, Sup. F. Carrion ..  | 100.00 |
| Miami: Christ .....                   |        |
| Elier Zaldiver, Camaguey, Salary ..   | 21.16  |
| Miami: Christ .....                   |        |
| Elier Zaldiver, Camaguey, Sal. ..     | 5.00   |
| Miami: Christ .....                   |        |
| Elier Zaldiver, Camaguey, Sal. ..     | 5.33   |
| Orlando: College Park .....           |        |
| Antonio V. Neuvitas, Salary ..        | 100.00 |
| Bowling Green: Orlando Salazar ..     | 75.00  |
| Sarasota: Benito Acebo, Sal. ....     | 25.00  |
| Sarasota: Benito Acebo, Sal. ....     | 116.85 |
| Coral Gables, First .....             |        |
| Marbelio, Salary .....                | 120.00 |
| Coral Gables, First .....             |        |
| Vincente Sanfriel, Salary .....       | 80.00  |
| Coral Gables, First .....             |        |
| Jose Garrido, Salary .....            | 80.00  |
| Coral Gables, First .....             |        |
| Justo Gonzalos .....                  | 50.00  |
| Daytona Beach: Community .....        |        |
| Antonio Ruiz, Salary .....            | 50.00  |
| Belle Glade: Community .....          |        |
| Perfecto Romero, Salary .....         | 250.00 |
| Lakeland: First .....                 |        |
| Mario Fernandez, Salary .....         | 100.00 |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial ..      |        |
| Rev. Morales, Salary .....            | 100.00 |
| Orlando: College Park .....           |        |
| Antonio V. Neuvitas, Salary ..        | 100.00 |
| Orlando: Reeves Memorial .....        |        |
| Juan Sanfriel, Salary .....           | 100.00 |
| Tampa: Tampa Heights .....            |        |
| Sarasota: First .....                 | 252.50 |
| Tampa: First, Razziel Vazquez Sal. .. | 500.00 |
| Silvano Sanchez, Salary .....         | 120.00 |
| Starke: Herardo Martinez, Sal. ....   | 50.00  |
| Lakeland: First, Sup. Mario .....     |        |
| Fernandez .....                       | 100.00 |
| Miami: Hialeah, First .....           | 50.00  |
| Jacksonville: Springfield .....       | 135.00 |
| Fruitland Park: R. C. Lenz, Sal. ..   | 100.00 |
| Lake Worth: Calvary .....             |        |
| Angel Fuster, Salary .....            | 300.00 |
| Melbourne: First, Sup. F. Carrion ..  | 100.00 |
| DeLand: First, Rev. Julio Gomez ..    | 100.00 |
| Lakeland: First .....                 | 100.00 |
| DeLand: First, Julio Gomez, Sal. ..   | 100.00 |
| Mt. Dora: First, Rev. Lopez .....     |        |
| Camaguey, Salary .....                | 270.00 |
| Melbourne: First, Sup. F. Carrion ..  | 100.00 |
| Starke: Gerardo Martinez, Sal. ....   | 50.00  |
| Lakeland: Trinity .....               |        |
| Manuel Santana, Salary .....          | 17.00  |
| Daytona Beach: Community .....        |        |
| Antonio Ruiz .....                    | 50.00  |

## CUBAN NATIONAL PASTORS' WORK FUND

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|------------------------------------|--------|
| Miami: Rudy .....                  | 2.00   |
| Jacksonville: Lakewood .....       | 5.00   |
| Coral Gables: Vincente Sanfriel .. | 67.00  |
| Coral Gables: Jose Garrido .....   | 67.00  |
| Coral Gables .....                 | 67.00  |
| DeLand: Trinity .....              | 30.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Seminole .....     | 10.00  |
| Ft. Lauderdale: First .....        | 8.00   |
| Miami: Coral Gables, First .....   | 67.00  |
| Miami: Coral Gables, First .....   | 67.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Northside .....    | 7.85   |
| Tampa: First .....                 | 25.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Seminole .....     | 20.00  |
| Miami: Trinity .....               | 30.00  |
| Clearwater: First, Mario Olmo ..   | 10.00  |
| St. Petersburg: Northside .....    | 5.90   |
| Plant City: Trinity .....          | 100.00 |

## OTHER ADVANCE SPECIALS TO CUBA (Including building parsonages, chapels, churches)

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Jacksonville: First ..... | 370.00 |
| Jacksonville: First ..... | 175.00 |
| Jacksonville: First ..... | 22.50  |
| Orange Park .....         | 20.00  |
| Miami: White Temple ..... | 29.41  |
| Ft. Myers: First .....    | 50.00  |

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| Jacksonville: Lakewood .....       | 5.00    |
| Miami: Allapattah .....            | 15.00   |
| Miami: Coral Gables .....          | 20.00   |
| Miami: Coral Gables .....          | 20.00   |
| Miami: White Temple .....          | 13.35   |
| Daytona Beach: Community .....     | 50.00   |
| DeLeon Springs .....               | 25.00   |
| Sanford: First .....               | .50     |
| Lake City: First .....             | 60.00   |
| Jacksonville: First .....          | 20.00   |
| Jacksonville: First .....          | 177.10  |
| Jacksonville: Southside Estates .. | 25.00   |
| Ridge Manor .....                  | 5.00    |
| Winter Haven: Trinity .....        | 10.00   |
| Dania .....                        | 6.00    |
| Miami: White Temple .....          | 250.00  |
| Umatilla .....                     | 50.00   |
| Clearwater: First .....            | 100.00  |
| Clearwater: First .....            | 20.00   |
| Lake City: First .....             | 60.00   |
| Melbourne: First .....             | 55.00   |
| St. Petersburg: Gulfport, First .. | 50.00   |
| Fort Myers: First .....            | 50.00   |
| Sarasota: Trinity .....            | 50.00   |
| Plant City: Trinity .....          | 15.00   |
| Tampa: Highland Ave. ....          | 10.00   |
| Tampa: Highland Ave. ....          | 20.00   |
| Ft. Lauderdale: First .....        | 8.00    |
| Fort Lauderdale: Park Temple ..    | 2000.00 |
| Fort Lauderdale: Park Temple ..    | 100.00  |
| Okeechobee: First .....            | 35.00   |
| Okeechobee: First .....            | 40.00   |
| Bartow: First .....                | 150.00  |
| Dade City: First .....             | 300.00  |
| Dade City: First .....             | 150.00  |
| Miami: Allapattah .....            | 15.00   |
| Coral Gables: First .....          | 20.00   |
| Coral Gables: First .....          | 20.00   |
| Pahokee: First .....               | 10.00   |
| Daytona Beach: Community .....     | 50.00   |
| High Springs .....                 | 37.50   |
| Jacksonville: Riverside Park ..... | 100.00  |
| Leesburg: Morrison Memorial ..     | 150.00  |
| Dania .....                        | 6.00    |
| Dania .....                        | 38.00   |
| New Smyrna Beach: First .....      | 150.00  |
| New Smyrna Beach: First .....      | 50.00   |
| Arcadia: Trinity .....             | 56.00   |
| Ft. Myers: First .....             | 50.00   |
| East Leon Ct.: Lloyd .....         | 3.00    |
| Tampa: Hyde Park .....             | 200.00  |
| Ft. Lauderdale: First .....        | 6.00    |
| Ft. Lauderdale: First .....        | 6.00    |
| Jacksonville: Beach .....          | 300.00  |
| Jacksonville: Murray Hill .....    | 1000.00 |
| Jacksonville: Murray Hill .....    | 108.00  |
| Jacksonville: Murray Hill .....    | 110.00  |
| Jacksonville: Murray Hill .....    | 42.00   |
| Jacksonville: Murray Hill .....    | 5.00    |
| Orlando: Azalea Park .....         | 10.00   |
| Palm Harbor .....                  | 25.00   |
| Palm Harbor .....                  | 25.00   |
| Sarasota .....                     | 25.00   |
| Monticello .....                   | 52.69   |
| W. Palm Beach: First .....         | 100.00  |
| W. Palm Beach: First .....         | 50.00   |
| Jacksonville: Lakewood .....       | 5.00    |
| Jacksonville: Riverside Park ..... | 20.00   |
| Auburndale: Lena Vista .....       | 5.00    |
| Frostproof: First .....            | 25.00   |
| Haines City .....                  | 51.00   |
| Mascotte .....                     | 5.00    |
| Ridge Manor .....                  | 2.50    |
| Lacoochee .....                    | 1.00    |
| Winter Haven .....                 | 10.00   |
| Orlando: Azalea Park .....         | 22.45   |
| Orlando: Concord Park .....        | 5.00    |
| Sanford: First .....               | 150.00  |
| Sanford: First .....               | 15.00   |
| Hernando .....                     | 9.00    |
| St. Petersburg: First .....        | 200.00  |
| Quincy: Centenary .....            | 770.00  |
| Tallahassee District Conference .. | 135.11  |
| West Palm Beach: First .....       | 100.00  |
| West Palm Beach: First .....       | 50.00   |
| Jacksonville: Avondale .....       | 112.00  |
| Jacksonville: Riverview .....      | 5.00    |
| Jacksonville: Snyder Memorial ..   | 9.00    |
| Jacksonville: Swaim Memorial ..    | 25.00   |
| Haines City .....                  | 200.00  |
| Miami: White Temple .....          | 500.00  |
| Sanford: First .....               | 17.77   |
| Sanford: First .....               | 118.33  |

## CUBAN NATIONAL PASTORS' SALARIES

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Starke: Herardo Martinez, Sal. ..   | 50.00  |
| Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial ..    | 100.00 |
| Miami: Coral Gables, First .....    |        |
| Marbelio Tamayo Salary .....        | 120.00 |
| Coral Gables, First .....           |        |
| Vincente Sanfriel Salary .....      | 80.00  |
| Coral Gables, Jose Garrido, Sal. .. | 80.00  |



## OVER THE TOP



DR. R. C. HOLMES

Florida Methodists have over-subscribed a \$2,400,000 fund campaign for church extension and for an auditorium on the campus of Florida Southern College.

Dr. R. C. Holmes, executive secretary for church extension for the Florida Methodist Conference, has announced that pledges totaling \$2,467,000 have been received from 453 churches.

He added that 83 additional churches in the Conference have yet to report and that with 100 per cent participation in the fund campaign expected the ultimate total will far exceed the \$2.4 million goal.

"If any proof is needed that Methodist men and women intend to meet the growing church needs of growing Florida, this campaign has provided it without any shadow of doubt," Dr. Holmes said.

The executive secretary said that the Conference now needs more than 100 additional churches in Florida and that the successful campaign will enable construction of many of these at an early date.

By a unanimous vote, the annual Conference meeting in Lakeland last June voted the \$2,400,000 campaign with \$400,000 to be earmarked for an auditorium at Florida Southern as a memorial to the late Bishop John W. Branscomb, who died in Orlando on Jan. 16, 1959, of a heart attack.

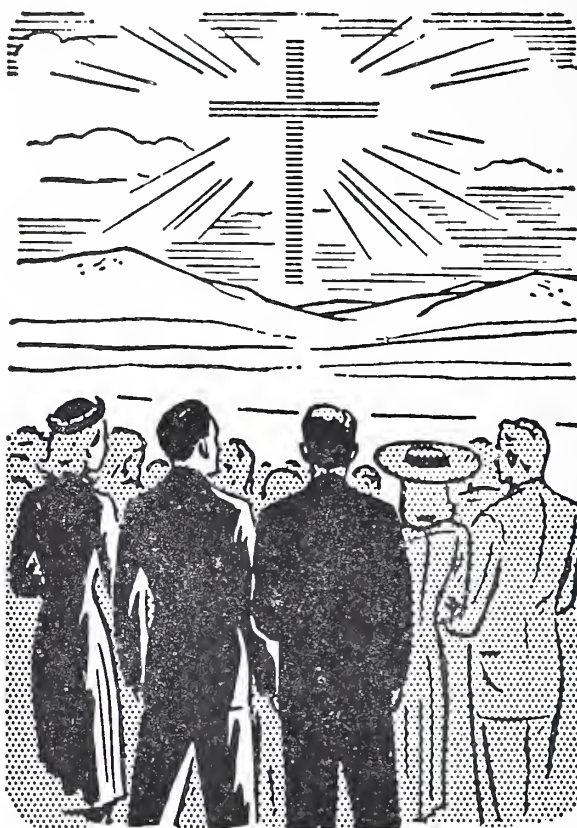
Bishop Branscomb was the first and only minister in the Florida Methodist Conference ever elected to the Episcopacy and for many years he was a trustee of the Methodist College in Lakeland. For the auditorium to be erected in his memory an additional \$53,-

000 is available from a Branscomb memorial offering taken in the churches of the state.

Dr. Holmes said that of the first \$800,000 collected from the campaign, \$400,000 would go for the Branscomb memorial. He added that most of the churches having reported to date have placed their total pledges in their budgets. Pledges are to be paid over

a three-year period.

The campaign was directed by Dr. Alexander Stewart of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. The final phases will be under the direction of Dr. Holmes. With the active participation of district superintendents and ministers, campaign costs will amount to less than one per cent of the goal.



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## Purely Personal

**Bishop Ralph E. Dodge** of Africa reached at all three of the morning services at Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale, on February 21. Bishop Dodge also was appearing in the Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies.

**Dr. Edwin Hartz**, chaplain at Florida State University, Tallahassee, preached at White Temple, Miami, and taught in the Miami Christian Workers' School during the last week in February. A member of the Missouri Conference, Dr. Hartz is also Professor of Home and Family Life at FSU.

**The Rev. James H. Durand**, retired member of the Rock River Conference who formerly supplied some Florida churches, passed away in Tucson, Arizona, on January 21, 1960, of lung cancer.

**The Rev. W. H. Lockard** is serving a new congregation which recently began holding services in the recreation hall of the Palm Bay Estates Trailer Park at Melbourne.

**Dr. Ludd M. Spivey** of Palm Beach, former president of Florida Southern College, was recently the recipient of an Annual Brotherhood Award given by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

**Mrs. Henry W. Blackburn**, new president of the United Council of Church Women in West Palm Beach, presented a program on the World Refugee Year at an interfaith Tea held on February 5th.

**The Rev. W. Harold Miller**, pastor at First Church, Dade City, represented Florida at a National Seminar on Alcohol and Gambling Legislation held in Washington, D. C., February 9-12.

**Miss Evie Brabham**, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Spivey Brabham of the Epworth Church, Jacksonville, was married to Mr. Delbert Bryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bryan of Jacksonville, in the Epworth Church on Feb. 12.

**The Rev. George L. Harper**, pastor of First Church, has been elected president of the Bartow Ministerial Association.

**Dr. Robert M. Selle**, minister of visitation at First Church, Sarasota, passed away on February 16.

**The Rev. Robert John Gisler**, pastor at Snyder Memorial, Jacksonville, attended the recent TRAFCO (Television, Radio and Film Commission) Seminar held in Nashville recently. Mr. Gisler was one of the seminar leaders.

**The Floral Park Church**, Miami, mourns the recent passing of **Mrs. Joe E. Fife** on January 29. Mrs. Fife was a lay member of the Annual Conference and a leader in many areas in her church.

**Dr. Don R. Falkenberg**, international president of the Bible Meditation League, paid his annual visit to First Church, Sarasota, on February 21st.

**Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Hachoush** presented their program on Christian Palestine at First Church, South Miami, on the night of February 28th.

**Mr. G. Martland Higgs**, a long time member of First Church, West Palm Beach, was honored for his years of devoted service to his church during the morning service on February 14.

**Rabbi Herman Schwartz** of Lakeland's Temple Emanuel was the Men's Club speaker at Beyer Memorial, Winter Haven, last month.

**The Rev. Edwin W. Kilbourne**, missionary from Korea, was a recent mid-week speaker at First Church, Starke.

**Mr. M. L. Turbeville**, Sarasota District Lay Leader, represented the Florida Conference at the national workshop for Methodist Men held in Chicago, Feb. 26-28.

**Dr. Glenn C. James** of Trinity, Tallahassee, pastor at White Temple, Miami, from 1932 - 1953, preached at the latter church on February 14. Dr. James also was teaching in a Christian Workers' School being held in Grace Church, Miami.

## ON A WIDE CIRCUIT

(Continued from Page One)

chasing the scattered cases."

Not all diseases can be prevented or cured as easily and quickly as malaria. But UNICEF and its allies are making headway in their attack on other "killers and maimers." Of the estimated 50,000,000 cases of yaws in the world, some 20,000,000 are in Asia, and about 15,000,000 of these in Indonesia. The cure is to inject everyone with penicillin — and in this both UNESCO and local governments are cooperating. There are some 10,000,000 open cases of tuberculosis in Asia: and here both prevention and cure is being taught in the schools — and 85,000,000 children vaccinated. Governments, mission hospitals, and clinics, and UNESCO experts are working together to prevent and cure trachoma (125,000,000 cases in Asia), the chief cause of blindness; and leprosy (3,000,000 cases) which is now being treated at home as well as in leprosaria.

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## GLEANINGS FROM HERE and THERE

A Methodist Men's Blood Bank is being supported by club members of First Church, Dade City. They make their donations through a mobile unit which visits the community at regular intervals. **Reuel Pratt** presented a filmed report of his recent visit to Russia at the February meeting of the club.

The Rev. Mrs. **Leila McConnall**, president of the Kentucky Mountain Bible Institute, assisted by some of her students, conducted a service at the church at Nocatee on February 12th.

Three new members and several substantial pledges on a new church building were part of the fruit of a revival held by **Dr. J. R. Parker**, of Wilmore, Ky., and the pastor, the Rev. **D. L. Floyd**, at Scottsmoor, 8 miles north of Mims.

The **Bethune-Cookman College Choir** has sung many concerts in Florida churches recently including those heard at White Temple, Miami; Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale; and First Church, New Port Richey.

Dramatic sketches and interviews, in one of which **Dr. Wayne W. Patch**, minister, portrayed **Dr. Albert Schweitzer**, highlighted the church-wide study course on Africa presented in Grace Church, St. Augustine.

**Mr. and Mrs. Leland Eldridge** of First Church, Clearwater, are spending a month touring Cuba, studying the work of our churches and schools and making pictures. They will be available to church groups without charge on their return. **Mr. Eldridge** is a licensed Local Preacher.

The Rev. **J. Marvin Sweat, Jr.**, used poetry in urging members of Wesley Memorial, Lakeland, to be sure they are registered to vote if there is another wet-dry election in Polk County this year. This is the verse which appeared in the church bulletin.

Are you registered to vote?  
You should—and here is why:  
To hold high Christian virtues  
And keep our county dry.

The Rev. **James E. Ulmer**, pastor at Tice, and **Dr. Mack B. Stokes** of the Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, were the preachers in a revival held at Trinity, Arcadia, in January.

Sunday Evening attendance more than tripled at Wesconnett, Jacksonville, when he pastor, the

Rev. **Larry C. O'Steen**, inaugurated the Sunday Evening Fellowship recently.

**Dr. and Mrs. Paul Hortin** of Christ Church, St. Petersburg, will be conducting a tour through Europe and a visit to the Passion Play this summer.

The Pine Level Church in the Sarasota District has organized a Sunday School.

The Bishop's Players, a group of professional actors doing religious drama, presented **Stephen Vincent Benet's "The Devil and Daniel Webster"** at the Riverside Park Church, Jacksonville, on February 15th.

**Miss Charlotte Lewis**, missionary to Mozambique, Africa, was the speaker when the M.Y.F. of First Church, Sarasota, entertained the other Sarasota M.Y.F.'s at a supper meeting on Feb. 28.

The Rev. **Charles A. Thompson**, pastor at Beyer Memorial, Winter Haven, did the preaching and the Rev. **E. E. Luttrell**, pastor at Columbia City, led the singing in special services held for the Rev. **W. R. Boland** and the people of First Church, Lake City, last month.

Members of **Snyder Memorial, Jacksonville**, are helping one of the waiters at the nearby **Morrison's Cafeteria** send his son to college to study medicine.

A framed certificate signifying membership in the "Open Church Association" has been hung in the Narthex of First Church, Clermont.

**Dr. George Hayes**, Baptist missionary to Japan, spoke at the Epworth Church, Jacksonville, on Jan. 24. **Dr. and Mrs. Hayes** have been living in the Epworth parsonage while home on furlough.

**Dr. Leslie Ross** of Nashville did the preaching and **Bill Mann** led the singing in a series of meetings held for the Rev. **Robert Chapman** at First Church, Ft. Pierce.

The Methodist Men of Wesley Memorial Church, Lakeland, had **Dr. Claude M. Harden**, Polk County superintendent of Public Instruction, as guest speaker in February, following an oyster stew supper.

The new pulpit, given by the Rev. **T. Newton Wise** of the American Bible Society, were dedicated February 21 in a service in the church at Tice.

The 60-voice Concert Choir of

Florida Southern College, directed by **Mrs. Birney Gross**, sang at the Vespers Service at Trinity Church, Lakeland, on February 14.

The Rolling Green Congregation, near Boynton Beach and now served by the Rev. **Harry Long**, organized a Sunday School January 31, just two weeks after the first services were held.

Nineteen Sebring M.Y.F.'ers and five adults attended the Youth Enlistment Rally at Ft. Myers.

Christian Workers Schools have just been held at Ft. Lauderdale and Ft. Pierce in the West Palm Beach District. More than 200 were enrolled at Ft. Lauderdale and 120 certificates were earned. At Ft. Pierce, 120 certificates also were issued with a total enrollment of 130—more than 92% receiving recognition.

**Dr. Mark Depp**, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., was guest speaker at the February meeting of the Methodist Men of First Church, Lakeland.

The Rev. **Charles W. Greene**, pastor at Tamiami Temple, Miami, has begun a new weekly publication, **THE EVANGELIST**, promoting the work of that church.

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## New Methodist Doctors

The young men below are two of our Methodist trained boys, Enrique Sueiro and Manolo Gar-



**NEW CUBAN DOCTORS**

a, who have just received their degrees as Medical Doctors from the University of Habana, Cuba. These young men are deeply interested in establishing a Protestant hospital.

Dr. Garfield Evans, Foreign Student Advisor at Florida Southern College and a former missionary to Cuba, has just returned from a visit to Cuba and has photographed his own detailed report on the present scene. He is always glad to share his information and insights with interested persons and groups.

## BUILDINGS and IMPROVEMENTS

The completely redecorated and furnished sanctuary of the Northshore Church, Jacksonville, was dedicated on Feb. 14. Lay leader Willy Pearce presented the memorials and J. W. King, chairman of the Board of Trustees, responded. The service was led by the pastor, the Rev. O. H. Judkins.

Extensive repairs on the sanctuary, including new roof and paint, have been completed at Palm Harbor. The Wesleyan Service Guild also has provided the choir with new robes.

An avenue of palm trees given in memorials is being planted on Diana Avenue by First Church, Port Richey.

New Chancel furnishings recently have been installed in the First Church, Bartow, made possible by anonymous friends."

## Sebring MYF Christian Witness Week-End

The Sebring Senior M.Y.F. had a wonderful experience during their Christian Witness weekend recently. On Saturday morning the group met at the parsonage for breakfast, followed by a period of training in visitation by their pastor, Rev. Gordon H. Strickland, using the new turnover chart, "Win Youth to Christ."

After a brief devotional period, the young people went out in groups of two or three to visit a previously prepared list of prospective M.Y.F.'ers.

At lunch time, the teams returned to the Home of the President of the M.Y.F., Miss Mary Jane Hughes, for lunch and discussion of the morning's visits and results. After lunch the teams went out again and completed their calls. As a result of these visits, many young people were brought into the Sunday meetings of the M.Y.F. At the next evening meeting, 37 were present (a figure doubling the average attendance).

Not the least of the results of the weekend was the awakening of the active members to the reasons they were not enlisting more young people into their group regularly. This awareness has been an impetus toward better programs, friendliness, orderliness, interest. This group of Senior M.Y.F.'ers later presented the opening session of the Church-wide Study "Medical Missions."

## Workshop To Be Held For Children's Workers

Workers with nursery and kindergarten children are offered training at an annual workshop to be held June 13 to July 15 at Scarritt College in Nashville. Graduate credit can be earned from participation.

Study and personal conferences are important parts of the workshop, along with opportunity to observe skilled teachers at work with young children. Scarritt, the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education are sponsors.

Miss Carrie Lou Goddard of the Scarritt faculty is director. For further information write to Miss Vera V. Zimmerman at P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2. Miss Zimmerman is a member of the staff of the Department of Christian Education of Children, Division of the Local Church.

Installation of new sound equipment now makes it possible for nursery workers to hear the sanctuary service at Calvary Church, Lake Worth.

## Methodist Heritage Tours

Nine Methodists have been announced as spiritual leaders of "Methodist Heritage Tours" to Europe next summer.

The tours, each covering a 24-day period and having identical itineraries, will devote special attention to places of Methodist significance. One of the first stops in England will be at Epworth, birthplace of John and Charles Wesley. Numerous historic Methodist spots will be included during the tour of England.

The tour parties will also visit Scotland, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, and France.

Departure dates of the tours and the leaders follow:

June 3—The Rev. Dr. David Wesley Soper, chairman of the department of religion, Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.

June 17—The Rev. Charles S. Geiger, Andrews Methodist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

June 24—The Rev. Dr. Asbury G. E. Stromberg, St. James Church, Lynbrook, N. Y.

July 1—The Rev. Arthur W. Goodhand, Christ Church, New York, N. Y.

July 15—Newman S. Cryer, Jr., managing editor of *Christian Advocate*, Chicago, Ill.

July 29—The Rev. Harold W. Ewing, Union Avenue Church, Alliance, Ohio.

Aug. 12—The Rev. Raymond E. Neff, district superintendent, Newark Conference, Maplewood, N. J.

Aug. 26—The Rev. Harold F. Fair, assistant editor of adult publications, Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn.

Sept. 16—The Rev. A. L. Stevenson, director of Church Service, Atlanta, Ga.

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## Report of Board of Hospitals and Homes

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Methodist Church served 1,520,913 persons last year through its 236 hos-



**OLIN E. OESCHGER**

pitals and homes, it was reported here Feb. 16.

Dr. Olin E. Oeschger of Chicago, general secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, made the statement in his report to the board at its annual meeting here in the Deshler-Hilton Hotel.

Dr. Oeschger said that institutions affiliated with the board had increased during the past year from 229 to 236. This includes one new hospital and six new homes for older persons.

Institutions now related to the board include 104 homes for older persons, 76 hospitals, 49 children's homes, and seven homes for business women. Total capacity of these institutions is now 33,361 — an increase of 1,631 over last year.

It requires a full-time personnel of 35,135 to staff these hospitals and homes, Dr. Oeschger reported. In addition, 12,985 doctors serve on the staffs.

Assets of the institutions increased from \$415,566,557 to \$465,470,954. During the year, 66 new building projects were started, which, upon completion, will represent \$40,407,983 in additional assets, he said.

"In this present era of outer space, scientific advancement, supersonic speed, population explosion, and automation, our health and welfare institutions are faced with unprecedented responsibility and challenge," Dr. Oeschger said. "We stand now — in 1960 — at the most crucial point in our en-

tire history. This is the summit at which our Christian strength will either meet this stupendous challenge and move outward in service, or it will step aside—and backwards—and let secular forces forge ahead."

The new hospital added to the list of affiliated institutions is at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

The six new homes for older persons are:

Wesley Manor, Jacksonville, Fla.  
South Georgia Methodist Home for the Aging, Americus, Ga.

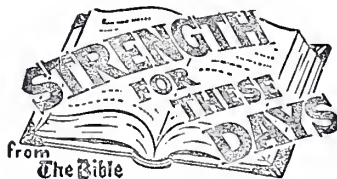
Hillcrest Homes, Bozeman Mont.  
Ainsworth Lodge, Lodi, Ohio  
Methodist Homes, Inc., Mitchell, South Dakota.

Bayview Manor, Seattle, Wash.

Dr. Oeschger reported that income from Methodist churches for hospitals and homes, including capital and operating purposes, totaled \$5,613,272, but that the amount of charity services rendered by the institutions during the year was more than two and one-half times that figure, or \$14,428,751.

He called for The Methodist church "to assume its share of the responsibilities involved in the upsurge of population." He said that religious groups, including Methodists, pioneered in the establishment of hospitals "because concern for sick, and poor had not yet become a concern of the public in general," and that "they may feel great satisfaction that as a result of their leadership and example, medical care for all is now recognized as a humanitarian, a cultural and an economic necessity."

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburgh, Pa., vice president of the board, presided at the meeting. The Rev. Dr. Frank Prentzel, Jr., of Philadelphia served as recording secretary.



And He said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.—(Luke 8:48.)

When we have faith in God, our Heavenly Father, even as little as a grain of mustard, nothing is impossible to us. We can overcome doubt and fear, illness and despair—our faith can make us whole, and we will know peace.

## Choirs To Sing At General Conference

Ten choral groups have been chosen to sing at the 1960 Meth-



**DR. J. OTIS YOUNG**

odist General Conference in Denver, Colo., April 27-May 7.

Announcement of the selection of the musical groups was made Feb. 8 by the Rev. J. Otis Young of Chicago, chairman of the music committee for the conference. Dr. Young, who is an associate publisher of The Methodist Publishing House, is a member of the Commission on Entertainment of the General Conference.

Dr. Young said that selection of the choral groups had been made under the direction of Dr. James R. Houghton, professor of music in Boston University, who will have charge of special music at the conference.

The list follows:

April 27—Ohio Northern University Choir, Ada, Ohio, directed by Dr. Karl A. Reider.

April 28—Centenary College Choir, Shreveport, La., Prof. A. C. Voran, conductor.

April 29—Boston University Seminary Singers, Dr. James R. Houghton, conductor.

April 30—Wiley College A Cappella Choir, Marshall, Texas, Dr. Gerald W. Johnson, conductor.

May 1—University of Denver Choir, Prof. Roger Dexter Fee, conductor.

May 2—Ambassadors Quartet from Africa.

May 3—DePauw University A Cappella Choir, Greencastle, Ind., Prof. George W. Gove, director.

May 4—Millsaps College Singers, Jackson, Miss.

May 5—Dakota Wesleyan University Choir, Mitchell, S. D.

May 6—MacMurray College Choir, Jacksonville, Ill.



## Jurisdictional Meeting

LEXINGTON, KY. — Methodist women of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Chris-



Mrs. David J. Cathcart

an Service gave \$2,284,691 last year for missionary work around the world. This was an increase of \$83,199 over the previous year. The announcement was made by Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Lakeland, Fla., president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, at the annual meeting of the organization on February 16-18 at First Methodist Church, Lexington.

The contributions went to the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions to help support Methodism's program in 33 countries.

Though 30,272 new members were added to the rolls of the Woman's Society of the Southeast last year (the 1958-59 conference year), there was a slight decrease in the membership. The total membership reported for last year was 8,401, which was 146 less than the previous year. The figures are for both the Woman's Society and its affiliate, the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Cathcart reported that 222 new local units of the Woman's Society were organized last year and that the total number of Societies in the Southeast is now 745.

At the meeting, 16 women were chosen by vote as nominees for membership on the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. Eight of the 16 will be elected members of the board at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the church in July at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

The nominees are Mrs. J. Fount Hillman, Lewisburg, Tenn.; Mrs. Hubert A. Davis, Raleigh, N. C.;

Mrs. H. V. Weems, Sebring, Fla.; Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Lebanon, Tenn.; Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Charles F. Ratcliffe, Spring Hill, Ala.; Mrs. Arthur Styion, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. J. W. Holbrook, Morehead, Ky.; Mrs. Karl E. Rothrock, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Charles M. Henderson, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. O. D. Thomas, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Mrs. C. P. Hardin, Bristol, Va.; Mrs. C. D. Mehaffey, Big Stone Gap, Va.; Mrs. C. L. Cooper, Harrodsburg, Ky.; Mrs. Niles C. Clark, Waterloo, S. C.; and Mrs. C. R. Avera, Roberta, Ga.

Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, Asheboro, N. C., was elected first alternate and Mrs. O. H. Swango, Sardis, Miss., second alternate.

Principal speakers for the twentieth annual meeting were Mrs. E. L. Hillman, Durham, N. C., first president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society; the Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., New York City, an executive of the Methodist Board of Missions; and Miss Alpharetta Leeper, New York City, a staff member of the Methodist Board of Missions.

## ON CHAIN OF MISSIONS

While appearing on the Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies, Bishop Newell S. Booth, bishop of



BISHOP NEWELL S. BOOTH

the Belgian Congo Area, occupied the pulpits of several Florida churches.

While in Lakeland, he was the speaker at a dinner meeting sponsored by the Commission on Missions of the Methodist Temple and attended by the pastors and Commission members of the seven Lakeland churches. Host pastor, the Rev. John R. Hunt, presided and introduced the bishop and a number of persons who had

## Lakeland District Pastors' Retreat



DR. R. A. ALLEY

Led by Dr. Raymond A. Alley, District Superintendent, the pastors of the Lakeland District met at First Church, Lake Alfred, on February 18 for their annual retreat planned by the Rev. Robert Bledsoe, District Director of Evangelism.

Dr. Paul Hortin, pastor at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, delivered two sermons and the Rev. John Hunt, pastor at Methodist Temple, Lakeland, and Dr. W. A. Myres, greatly beloved retired member of the Conference, also preached. Other pastors participating in the program included the Rev. Dennis Delacure, the Rev. E. L. Dinkins, the Rev. Dan Gill, the Rev. George Harper, the Rev. Homer Bain, the Rev. G. Odell Miley, the Rev. M. A. Shaw, the Rev. Henry Kinard, the Rev. Marvin Sweat and the Rev. Milton Wyatt who gave personal testimonies and led in prayer groups.

Luncheon was served to the group by the ladies of the host church.

formerly served as missionaries of the Methodist Church in various fields.

Bishop Booth also made several appearances in classes and assemblies at Florida Southern College while he was in Lakeland. He was the guest on the campus of the Rev. Francis Luce, Director of Religious Life.

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## Lay Executive On Mission To Europe

CHICAGO—Dr. Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago, general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities of



DR. R. G. MAYFIELD

The Methodist Church, will spend a month in western Europe speaking at a series of rallies conducted by the Protestant Men of the Chapel of the U. S. Army. He is the first Methodist layman to be invited to serve as a guest speaker for the organization.

The Protestant Men of the Chapel is an organization of laymen and chaplains dedicated to promoting spiritual growth, Christian fellowship and service among the men of the U. S. Army in Europe.

Dr. Mayfield will leave Washington, D. C., March 2 and will return to the States April 8. His schedule will include addresses at 18 military centers in France, Germany and Italy during the month of March and early April. He also will confer with church leaders in several European centers.

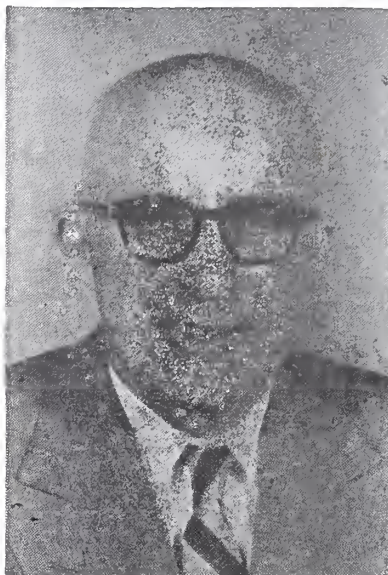
"I feel it is a real tribute to the lay movement of The Methodist Church that one of its leaders has been invited to speak to the Protestant men of the whole military command in Europe," Dr. Mayfield said.

A lawyer by profession, Dr. Mayfield served six years in the U. S. Army during World War II and the Korean conflict. On his last tour of duty he had the rank of captain in the Judge Advocate General Corps. With the exception of two years while on military leave, Dr. Mayfield has served on the staff of the General Board of Lay Activities at 740 Rush Street, Chicago, since 1949. He has been its general secretary since 1952.

## To Be Honored By Southern College Alumni

The week of March 13 is Founders' Week at Florida Southern College at Lakeland. This annual occasion will be celebrated as the Diamond Jubilee, the 75th birthday of the College.

Friday, March 17th, has been designated as "Alumni Day" and the program for that day has been announced. Following the registration period, which begins at 10:00 a.m., President Charles T. Thrift, Jr., will dedicate the Frank Lloyd Wright Memorial, which is adjacent to the Danforth Chapel. This will be followed by the Convocation in the Annie Pfeiffer



Dr. Ludd M. Spivey

Chapel, at which President Thrift will confer degrees and special student awards.

The morning will close with a

visit to the Planetarium, where a preview of the planetarium program will include simulated rocket trips. Alumni will then be the guests of the College at luncheon in the college cafeteria with the students.

Guided tours of the campus, open houses in fraternity and sorority houses and dormitories, and the dedication of a plaque honoring Alumni Association Presidents will occupy the afternoon hours.

The Annual Alumni Association Banquet will be held in the College Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. with Dr. and Mrs. Ludd M. Spivey as the guests of honor. The cost of the banquet is \$1.50 per plate and the Association officers will be elected at this time.

Three events, beginning simultaneously at 8:00 p.m., will bring Alumni Day to a close. They are a concert by the Florida Southern College Concert Band at the Mayhall Auditorium; a dance at Lakeland's new Civic Center, sponsored by Lakeland Shuffleboard Club; and the Lakeland Little Theatre's production of "Our Town" in the new Civic Center Theater.

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**Guilt By Extrapolation . . .**

The defenders of that indefensible Air Force manual dealing with communism in the clergy have succeeded only in making it look more absurd than ever. They have offered no rational explanation for the inclusion of such material in a volume intended for the guidance of Air Force reservists. They have merely applied—in an extrapolated form—that curious process popularized by the House Committee on Un-American Activities—the imputation of guilt by association.

In regard to the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, sponsored by the Council and assailed by the Air Force manual, the process works something like this: To pick a specific case, Dr. Henry J. Cadbury, professor of divinity at Harvard University, was one of the 95 clergymen who joined in the preparation of the Revised Standard Version. Like many another Quaker pacifist, Dr. Cadbury belonged to the Fellowship of Reconciliation. But among the members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation were some individuals who at one time or another were denounced as Communists or fellow-travelers before the House Committee on Un-American Activities by one or another of that stable of former Communist professional witnesses whom the

Committee kept constantly on hand to assassinate the reputations of their betters.

From this set of facts, the authors and defenders of the Air Force manual have no trouble at all in deducing that Dr. Cadbury himself has been affiliated with a "pro-Communist front" and that, therefore, anything else with which Dr. Cadbury may have become associated—as for example, the Revised Standard Version, must be Communist-tainted.

It is precisely this kind of logic which has been applied to many of the distinguished clergymen who had anything to do with the Revised Standard Version and who happened to incur the displeasure of those fundamentalist intransigents, the Circuit Riders, Inc.; and the International Council of Christian Churches. If we may paraphrase the Revised Standard Version slightly, "The voice is the Circuit Riders voice, but the hands are the hands of the Un-American Activities Committee." There is no way to measure the injury that Committee has done to the fabric of American life by its encouragement of mutual distrust, its suppression of dissent and its technique of condemnation by innuendo.

—The Washington Post

**Kefauver Criticises Attack on Churches**

The controversial Air Force Reserve training manual which links Communism and Protestant leaders has been branded as "an irresponsible attack against our churches" by Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee. "Such an unfounded charge shocked me as all citizens who know that our churches are a major bulwark against Communism," he said in a statement sent to his constituents. His statement was prompted by the Rev. James A. Smalling of First Methodist Church, Cleveland, Tenn. "The people responsible for such irresponsible literature in our Armed Forces must be brought to the bar of justice and held accountable for such statements," the minister said in a letter to Sen. Kefauver. In his reply, the senator said that "to claim that Communists have infiltrated the pulpits of our churches is to speak irresponsibly and falsely."

## The YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By HOOVER RUPERT

**A YOUTH AND HIS MONEY**

Somewhere I ran across some figures which were compiled by the H. P. Demand Company on how teen-agers spend their money. The report indicated that the average weekly allowance and earnings of teen-agers is as follows: for girls; ages 13-14 \$3.66; ages 15-17 \$6.01; ages 18-19 \$13.75. For boys ages 13-14 \$4.16; ages 15-17 \$8.26; ages 18-19 \$16.63. That is the average per week income from both earnings and allowances.

How does the teen-ager spend his money? Well, it makes a difference whether the teen-ager is a boy or a girl—but that's true of adults as well, isn't it! Anyway, both boys and girls spend 29c of

each dollar for school lunches and supplies and 9c for movies and records. When it comes to sports, girls spend 6c of each dollar and boys spend 11c. It is not surprising that girls spend an average of zero cents on dates while boys spend 10c of each dollar on dates. For clothes and personal items girls spend 26c while boys spend only 9c. On snacks boys spend 9c of each dollar while girls spend only 5c. Girls spend 6c on reading while boys spend 5c. Girls spend another zero cents on cars and gasoline while boys rack up 4c to keep the Jalopy going or the family car temporarily operating. Girls spend 2c per dollar for hobbies and boys 3c. Girls out-save the boys 9c to 7c. All other items for the girls amount to 8c per dollar while for the boys it is 4c.

I suppose such finds suffer from the perils of any statistical study. It is difficult to find a teen-ager who fills the bill in all regards for the above averages. Yet, it does provide a picture of what the

teen-ager does with the money which is his to spend. And it is obvious to this observer that the sharp increase in a teen-ager's income as he moves from one age grouping to the next in the teen-bracket is not represented by a correspondingly sharp increase in the allowance from family so much as in the earnings which become his through gainful employment. (If that is any comfort to my fellow-parents whose youth are entering the teens!) Allowances admittedly are increased as the teen-ager becomes older in years, but in most instances these allowances are augmented by earnings which boosts the average of his income. Odd jobs, paper routes, baby-sitting; clerking, car-hopping—and so on; runs the lists of teen-age income producing occupations.

Of concern to most churchmen, myself included, is how much the teen-ager is sharing as his stewardship of possessions. Is his contribution to his church a repre-

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## FILM TO CARRY CURRENT ISSUES



Bishop William C. Martin speaks in "The Changing Church"

"The Changing Church", a television, radio and film project now being produced by the Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFCO) of the Methodist Church, will be released early in April to bring into focus the major issues facing Methodism in 1960.

Designed for in-church use as well as for television and radio broadcasting, "The Changing Church" is being produced by TRAFCO in both tape recording and 16mm film versions to alert Methodists to problems which will come before the church's General Conference in Denver next April 27 through May 7.

Issues will be outlined in a general distribution version of the recording and film by Bishop William C. Martin, of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Area, author of the 1960 General Conference's Episcopal address.

A summary of General Conference 1960 issues will be only a part of the recordings and films which will be distributed through Methodist Area offices beginning April 1.

The quarter-hour film report titled "The Changing Church"

will include a brief pictorial review of the development of democracy in Methodist General Conference will be illustrated in scenes from 1956 sessions in Minneapolis. Progress made in Methodism during the past four years will be highlighted in scenes from 1956-60 Lands of Decision in the missions program, opening of new seminaries, church extension reports, and other new church-wide quadrennial developments.

The special recorded quarter-hour program for radio and in-church use will feature original hymns and other music from Methodism's four "Lands of Decision", interviews with General Conference delegates from regions in which specific accomplishments have been made during the past quadrennium, and an oral interpretation of the organization and functions of General Conference in the work of the church. The final portion of the recording will include selections from the oratorio "The Invisible Fire" which will be performed during the Denver General Conference as a joint presentation of all Methodist general boards and agencies.

## Leaders Lament Process of 'Pruning' Church Rolls

Leaders of the Board of Evangelism say that some Methodist churches are removing members from their rolls who should not be dropped. Both Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, board president, and Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary, made this point at the board's annual

meeting Feb. 23-25 in Santa Fe, N. M. They said that in some cases churches, with the intent of removing "deadwood" from the rolls, strike off names without proper investigation as to whether there is a valid reason for their being dropped. A feature of the meeting was a dinner honoring three members who will retire this summer: Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, N.Y.; Bishop J. W. E. Bowen, Atlanta; and Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, Madison, Wis.

## Southside, Jacksonville, Observes 10th Anniversary

The Lenten season is an exceptionally busy and significant time for the Southside Church, Jacksonville this year as Dr. Jack Anderson, the pastor, and the 10th Anniversary Committee lead the congregation in observing a 10th Anniversary Observance, March 1—April 17.

Guest preachers to be heard on Sunday mornings include: March 6, Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville who was the resident bishop of the Jacksonville Area when the Southside Church was organized, March 13; Dr. J. M. McLeod, the present Superintendent of the Jacksonville District: March 20. Dr. Don A. Cooke of Bradenton, Superintendent of the Jacksonville District when the sanctuary was built. March 27; Dr. Bruce F. Gannaway of Orlando, pastor of Hendricks Memorial, the mother church, from 1940-1950, whose vision and wise leadership had much to do with bringing Southside into being: April 3, Dr. Raymond A. Alley of Lakeland, the first minister assigned to Southside and under whose leadership "The Church Beautiful" was erected. April 10; Dr. Anderson, the present pastor will preach. April 17, Bishop Arthur J. Moore, presiding Bishop of the Florida Conference.

Other guest ministers to be heard in special services include Dr. Laurie G. Ray of Tampa, a former pastor of Hendricks Memorial who has led three successful campaigns for money to build the Southside Church: the Rev. James C. Rowan of Kendall a former associate pastor with Dr. Alley at Southside: the Rev. Frank Stoff, Jr., of Oklawaha, another former associate pastor. The Rev. James Ridgway the present associate of Dr. Anderson, will also preach.

Special music at all services and other special services and activities relating to the Lenten season are also a part of the Observance.

The Southside Church was born in 1950 with 550 charter members, 518 of which were received at one service. It was the result of a friendly and prayerful difference of opinion between members of the Hendricks Memorial Church over the matter of relocating that church which had outgrown its facilities. The late Dr. A. Fred Turner, who was the District Superintendent at that time, said of the decision that a new church should be born and that the old should not die, "It was more than a legal decision; it was a religious experience." And so it has continued to be.



## EDITOR SPEAKS AT BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON



Left to right: Dr. Harold E. Buell, pastor; Mrs. Buell, Program Chairman; Miss McConnell; Mrs. William Black, President, White Temple W.S.C.S.; Mrs. William Saunders, General Chairman for the Birthday Luncheon.

Miss Dorothy McConnell, Editor of "World Outlook" Magazine was guest speaker at the 1960 Annual Birthday Luncheon of the White Temple Methodist Church, Miami, Florida, Woman's Society

of Christian Service, on Friday, February 19th. Her subject was, "World Federation of Methodist Women". Two hundred and thirty members of the local society were present.

### Theological Guide Book

An Emory University professor is co-editor of a guide book to the world church as it is new and was historically.

Dr. Franklin H. Littell, professor of church history at Emory is co-editor of a monumental work in German, "Handbook of the World Church". The other is Hans Hermann Walz, general secretary of the Kirchentage, the world's largest Christian laymen's movement, which sprang up in Germany since World War II.

The four pound book contains some 200 pages of copy and over 100 pages of illustrations. Over 425 contributors from all over the world took part in it.

"Some fifteen religious leaders gathered with us in Germany to plan the work", said Dr. Littell. "From their minds and ours we developed a card file of some seven thousand topics which were later reduced to about a third of that number through the process of elimination and consolidation."

Dr. Littell described the book as a "Baedaker" or "World Almanac" of world religions. "It is an effort to present everything an intelligent layman needs to know about church unity and disunity. Every phase of religion is presented, but always in relation to

unity, understanding, and cooperation."

Over four years of work went into the publication. "We had an office with a technical assistant and two secretaries," said Dr. Littell, "but the greatest difficulty arose when I came back to the U. S. to teach at Emory in the fall of 1958. For the last year all the manuscripts and even the galley proofs were mailed back and forth across the Atlantic. It is a tribute to the international mails that not a single piece was lost."

The formidable task of editing the publication across the Atlantic was made more complex by having to edit and write in another language. "I acquired my German in school," said Dr. Littell. "It was not a second language in my home. My family on both sides was here before the Revolution."

Serious reference works sell well in Germany. A handbook on Christian social problem edited by colleagues of Dr. Littell in Germany sold over 30,000 copies at \$12.50 a copy within a six month period. The current work, published by the same press, is being marketed at a similar price. It is published by Kreuz-Verlag in Stuttgart, the largest publish-

er of religious books, founded in Germany since the war.

The book will be published in the United States in an English edition. "There is a growing interest in serious reference works in this country," said Dr. Littell, "and some 67 per cent of our people are church members, the highest percentage in our history."

Dr. Littell is the author of a number of books both in German and English. His latest work in English is "The German Phoenix", to be published by Doubleday this summer.

He was educated at Cornell College (Iowa), Union Theological Seminary, Yale University and Marburg (Germany).

He was minister of youth, Central Methodist Church in Detroit, 1940-42; Director of Lane Hall (religious affairs), University of Michigan, 1944-49; member of religious affairs staff, military government, U.S. High Commission for Germany, 1949-51; senior Protestant adviser, 1951; Dean of the chapel, Boston University, 1951-53; senior representative in Europe, Franz Lieber Foundation of St. Paul, Minn. 1953-58.

He received the Grand Order of Merit of the German Federal Republic from President Theodor House in October, 1958.

### New Fulford Church Consecrated February 28

Fulford Methodist Church of North Miami Beach worshipped in the newly constructed \$125,000 Sanctuary on February 28. Dr. P. M. Boyd, District Superintendent of the Miami District, was present to preach and consecrate the building.

This is the fulfillment of a dream of the members and friends who, less than a year ago, determined to build because of the overcrowded facilities in the Church School and Sanctuary. The former sanctuary already has been converted into a Wayside Chapel and Church School rooms which were also used for the first time on February 28.

Spanish Architecture, following the design of the other buildings on the church property, was used. Mr. Irving Horsey was the architect and erection was done by the Avant Construction Company who started building on July 26.

The history of Fulford dates back to 1912 when the church served the farmers of this area. In 1949, the church location was moved to the present site. At that time the membership was 50. It now exceeds 1000.

The Rev. Orville Nelson has served the Fulford Church for the past six years.



## Why I Became A Deaconess

"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19-20.

For several years after becoming a Christian those words were in my heart. Here was the commandment that Christ had given to His disciples. Was that message just for the first twelve? There was a growing conviction that for me too, there was a special place. However, the type of work and the place was unknown to me.

Perhaps the reason for the growing conviction was the presence of a particular minister's wife. Mrs. Webster, before her marriage, had been a deaconess. She helped me to grow in the Christian faith by giving me books to read. She had long talks with me about what I intended to do with my life. Of course, I had not considered much more than continuing to live and die in the same place. She began to talk about friends who had gone over the world to tell of God's kingdom. She also related her own personal experiences which sounded exciting to me. As time went by, I too wanted to do some-

## Families Receive Airline Settlements

Out-of-court settlements have been made by American Airlines and its insurance companies with the families of two of the three staff members of the Methodist Television Radio and Film Commission who lost their lives in a plane crash in New York February 1959.

The widow of the Rev. W. Carle Walton, Jr., and her four children, who are now living in Raleigh N.C., have been paid \$100,000. Mrs. Royer H. Woodburn and her two children, who continue to live in Nashville, received \$100,000.

The difference in amount is due to the relative age of the two others and the number of their children. Walton was 41, Woodburn 46. The same formula for settlement was applied in both cases. Dr. Harry C. Spencer, general secretary of TRAFICO, on the day

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By MISS BEATRICE ORRELL
Former Head Resident, Key West Latin Center, now at Searritt
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thing special in the work of God's kingdom. I wanted to share with others what God had done for me.

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However, for a long time everything was at a standstill. I lived from day to day doing the same thing over and over. I almost felt that this was what God expected of me. One Sunday I went to church, which happened to be the Sunday that Quarterly Conference was to be held. So the District Superintendent and his wife were visitors in our church. I sat next to Mrs. Kean. She leaned over and asked, "Would you be willing to go to school to prepare for Christian Work, if the Southern Illinois Conference offered a scholarship for you?" I replied that I would. Arrangements were made so several months later I enrolled at National College for Christian Workers.

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While at National College, I became more closely acquainted with deaconesses and the type of work that they did, so I decided that I wanted to be a part of the fellowship, too. While still in school I made application to become a deaconess. I was accepted as a candidate and after graduation, having worked a year at Marcy Center in Chicago, I was commissioned a deaconess of The Methodist Church in New York City.

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following the accident, retained the services of Shearman & Sterling & Wright a leading Wall Street legal firm, to protect the interest of the families of his associates.

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The senior partner of this law firm, Charles C. Parlin, an internationally known Methodist layman, gave the Walton and Woodburn claims his attention without personal compensation.

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The widow and children of the third victim the Rev. William A. Meadows, 39, were not included in the present settlement, Mrs. Meadows electing to be represented in a separate action still pending, conducted by legal counsel from Nashville.

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The Rev. Guy Foye Crawford, retired minister from New York state, gave a chalk-talk sermon at a vespers service at Trinity, Lakeland, recently; using hymns sung by the congregation as subject matter for his illustrations.

Trinity Methodist At Sarasota Dedicated

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Members and friends of Trinity Methodist Church of Sarasota participated in dedication services January 31 celebrating the third anniversary of the completion of the sanctuary and the payment of the loan. The guest speaker was Dr. Harry H. Waller, superintendent of the Sarasota District.

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The afternoon dedication and consecration service began at 1:30 p.m., with an invocation by the Rev. Floyd Cooper, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Also present and participating were the Rev. Maurice Beery and Rev. Claude Tucker. The afternoon speaker was the Rev. Jack Davis, executive secretary of the Florida Council of Churches, who was instrumental in organizing the church in 1947. Miss Mary Hill, Methodist deaconess who helped to initiate the work, presented the former pastors and workers present.

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Under the leadership of the present pastor, Rev. Donald Walling, a bond campaign was launched in September of 1959 and completed in a few weeks. The new fellowship hall, nursery, reception room and other additions were completed by the end of January. The Fellowship Hall was consecrated January 31 by Dr. Waller.

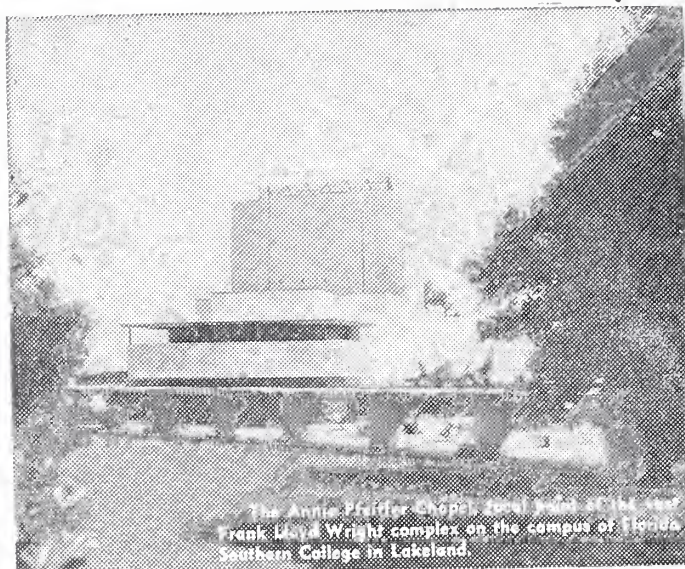
## New Associate Youth Director at Riverside

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Miss Edith Goodwin educational director at Riverside Park, Jacksonville, is becoming the new Conference Associate Director of Youth Work the middle of this month. Miss Goodwin succeeds the Rev. Lee Pearson who has become the minister of education at the Palma Ceia Church, Tampa.

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Miss Goodwin is well known to the youth of the Conference for she has been a leader in many activities at the Leesburg Youth Camp. She was formerly a youth director at First Church, Montgomery, Alabama, and served in a similar capacity at First Church, Ft. Pierce. She has directed the educational program at Riverside Park for the past three years.

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In her new position Miss Goodwin will share in the leadership of Junior High Camps and Senior Assemblies during the summer months. The balance of the year she will do field work in the local church helping in youth programs, Christian Workers' Schools and other related areas.

Diamond Jubilee at Florida Southern College



Florida Southern College, founded by pioneer Florida Methodists and survivor of many major disasters, is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee during Founders' Week, March 24-20.

It is a joint celebration with the City of Lakeland now also 75 years old with its charter issued in 1885.

With an enrollment of approximately 2,000 men and women, Florida Southern, which lived for decades in poverty is now one of the largest Methodist Colleges in the United States. But to reach this position, it has had to move through seven names changes and locations in five Florida cities in the three quarters of a century.

Disasters suffered in the 75 years include fires, tropical storms, influenza epidemic, wars and a depression so severe that less than 30 years ago trustees voted to close the school "forever."

The educational institution has been named successively the South Florida Institute Wesleyan Seminary, Wesleyan Institute Florida Conference College, Florida Seminary The Southern College and finally Florida Southern College.

Historically Methodist higher education in Florida dates back more than 100 years. In 1853—only eight years after the organization of the Florida Methodist Conference—the East Florida Seminary was opened at Micanopy. But the initial effort died with the advent of the Civil War.

Jacksonville district Methodists are credited with launching what is now Florida Southern College with the opening of the South-

Florida Institute in Orlando in 1883. But tenure in one of the state's most beautiful and progressive cities was to be brief because trustees reportedly decided that Orlando would "never be nothing more than a swamp."

The school was moved to Leesburg and the charter issued in 1885. But disaster of the economic kind struck with the great freezes of 1894-1895 when temperatures dropped even in Central Florida to as low as 18 degrees and all but wiped out the citrus industry. Another great freeze in 1899 when readings as low as six degrees were recorded in North Florida finished Leesburg as the home of the Methodist institution.

At the turn of the century, the school was moved to Sutherland (now Palm Harbor) on the West Coast and it entered an 18-year period of expansion and progress, not without the ever-present financial problems of course. But the college's worst several years were to come.

In September of 1918, a tropical storm roared out of the Gulf and struck the college a destructive blow. Damage was extensive. Scarcely had the debris been cleared away when the great influenza hit. Virtually the entire student body was affected and several men died. Enrollment was a problem because of World War I.

Florida Methodists put on a drive for funds to meet the situation and it was successful. It seemed as though the school would survive. But in January of 1921, fire virtually destroyed the toil of more than 35 years and that ended Florida Southern's days at Palm Harbor.

The college was reopened at a hotel at Clearwater Beach and additional temporary quarters were constructed. But even as efforts were being rushed to move Florida Southern to Lakeland, two more disasters were to be experienced . . . another hurricane and a second fire.

Methodists opened their school in Lakeland in an 87-acre orange grove overlooking Lake Hollingsworth in 1922. There were two buildings and a heavy debt. Just three years later was to occur one of the most significant events in the history of the school and one that was to make Florida Southern an internationally-known institution—Ludd M. Spivey, then dean of Birmingham-Southern College, was elected president.

It was 1925 and the Florida land boom was in full bloom. The dynamic new head of Florida Southern launched immediately a campaign for \$1,000,000. It was oversubscribed—on paper. The bust was just around the corner was realized by few and certainly not by the spirited Dr. Spivey. A small dormitory for men was constructed at a cost of \$25,000. And then the million dollars pledged was gone with the wind. One could scarcely give Florida real estate away and a great cloud was darkening the horizon . . . the most severe depression this nation has ever known.

There was no light now at the little school in Lakeland. It was a grim struggle for survival. The Florida Methodist Conference attempted to rescue its educational institution by issuing bonds. The effort was a failure. President Spivey was determined to go down—if down he must—fighting. He organized a "Believers Club" with membership \$1 per person. Twenty-five thousand men and women joined. But it was only a short-lived financial transfusion for in 1933 trustees voted to close the school "forever."

That action was rescined a few hours later. And a miracle was to come. Somehow friends stepped forward and soon the college was beginning new construction. Enrollment began to climb. The name in 1935 officially became Florida Southern College and the institution was fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools—actually national accreditation.

But Dr. Spivey couldn't be content with that which might be called ordinary and commonplace. He was always seeking an elusive something that would make the school distinctive. He found it in 1936 in the person of the late Frank Lloyd Wright, the

architectural giant of the 20th century.

The Florida Southern president new to Taliesin East Wright's summer home at Spring Green Wis., in an attempt to persuade the master architect to undertake the major commission at Lakeland. Dr. Spivey told Mr. Wright frankly that the school had no money; but that if he would design the buildings, the funds would be forthcoming, somehow, from somewhere.

Probably amazed and amused by the educator's audacity Mr. Wright agreed to come to Florida and look over the orange grove campus. Then back to Taliesin and his drawing board. A master plan with 18 units connected by more than a mile of esplanade (covered walkways) was laid out. The first Wright building was the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel. Natives and visitors wondered what was going on at the Methodist institution. There had never been a chapel like it. It resembled a medieval fortress. The steeple looked like a huge outdoor motion picture screen. The spire was a rectangle of metal design. There were balconies and colored glass inserts in the cement block walls.

Someone commented to the architect in cement, glass and steel that it was a very unusual looking chapel and Mr. Wright retorted:

"Who is the authority to say what a chapel should look like?" Three seminars were completed followed by the circular E. T. Lux Library. Esplanades began linking the units and soon visi-

tors were coming from all parts of the world to see the unusual architecture at the Methodist educational institution. Now 11 of the units in the Wright complex have been completed and Florida Southern has the largest concentration of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture. At the time of his death, Mr. Wright had just completed preliminary plans for the 12th unit—a music building and auditorium.

Dr. Spivey, the human dynamo for 32 years, retired in 1957 to make his home at Palm Beach. He was succeeded by Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr. who came to Florida Southern in 1940 as professor of religion and who was named vice president in 1946.



That Florida's Methodist college — at the three-quarters century mark —

will continue to expand and progress is a foregone conclusion. Already Methodists have voted \$453,000 for a new auditorium to be built in memory of the late Bishop John W. Branscomb, who died in Orlando of a heart attack in January, 1959.

Architectural distinction already achieved, Florida Southern's next goal will be to increase its standing as an outstanding Christian liberal arts college.

If the next 75 years are no more difficult than the first 75 the goal will be attained.

for "Nochebuena" the traditional Christmas eve, midnight meal. Those who can afford it eat roast pig on that night with many fancy pastries and candies. Our church gave 55 packets with 2 pounds of rice, 2 of dry beans, 1 of sugar, 1 can of Pet milk, 1/4 pound of coffee and of shortening, 1/2 loaf of bread and candy. People happily received this. We felt ashamed when later a family in our church gave us a turkey and another a chicken.

"Ours was a fine Christmas as the people showered us with love and gifts. They really took us by surprise when they presented us with \$50. It hurt in a way to realize that this meant real sacrifice for them but we took it as an expression of love. It felt good inside to think that we are accepted even though we are foreigners and have terrible accents.

"The ladies of the American congregation in Havana were bubbling over with wisdom as they brought 71 packages, gaily wrapped, for the children in our Sunday school in Rancho Grande. The kids got a shirt or blouse, a nice toy, a comb, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, toothpaste; hair oil, and a pair of Keds tennis shoes. One little boy kept peaking into the box at the finest pair of shoes he has ever owned and exclaimed in joyous disbelief: 'Estan buanos, estan buenos!'"

"They are good, they are good!"

"New Year's eve found us in church for a watchnight communion service. The service ended at twelve and the young people passed out little bags of grapes. There were twelve grapes to signify twelve o'clock and twelve months. Nobody seemed to know the origin of this custom. Many Cubans still throw water out the front door on New Year's eve to wash away any evil spirits that might be lurking around the door to molest the people during the new year."

YOUTHFUL ACCENT

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representative amount? Is it contributed regularly on a weekly, pledged basis? Is it a realistic proportional amount which is figured out of the top of his income? Or is it the few coins which may be left over after he has cared for his other interests and expenses? Christian stewardship begins for teen-agers when they have custody of their own money in small or large amounts, and patterns of proportionate giving to Christ and the Church should be formed now.

CHRISTMAS IN CUBA



The shoes: "Estan buenos!"

At a time when there is so much that is disturbing in the news from Cuba, the following excerpt from a letter written by the Rev. Frank Lloyd Knox, Florida missionary living at Santiago de las Vegas, Cuba, is refreshing.

We want to share our first

Christmas in Cuba with you! The people feeling this to be their first free Christmas in seven years, wrapped seven Christmases and the first anniversary of the rebels' victory into one. So it was a mixture of a religious and patriotic season. The Cuban people are ingeniously creative and they did a magnificent job in decorating their streets and homes. I've never seen such cooperation and enthusiasm. They used palms, bamboo, banana trees, branches from orange trees multi-colored paper, and Christmas lights. Those who could painted at least the front of their homes.

"In our school and churches we had lovely Christmas programs centered in the spirit of giving. The school children gave large boxes of groceries to some 14 needy families and sent clothing to the people of Sierra Maestras in Oriente. Our church gave clothing and smaller portions of food to the poor in our own Rancho Grande area. The food was

Methodism's Advance

A Record of the Giving of Methodists in the Florida Conference

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FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

I. World Mission Specials

A. CUBA

OTHER ADVANCE SPECIALS TO CUBA (Including building parsonages, chapels, churches)

Winter Garden	100.00
Clearwater: Skycrest	13.00
Arcadia: Trinity	200.00
Diinsmore	10.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	10.00
Silver Palm	50.00
Miami: Allapattah	15.00
Miam: White Temple	250.00
Miami: White Temple	24.61
Daytona Beach: Community	50.00
DeBary	62.50
Clearwater: Friendship	12.00
Clearwater: Skycrest	13.00
Greensboro	17.85
Lake City: First	60.00

B. ABROAD

(Other Than Cuba)

MISSIONARIES' SALARIES

Winter Park	100.00
Miami: Coral Gables, First	100.00
Lakeland: First, R. A. Petry's	500.00
Miami: Coral Gables, First	100.00
Anona, Rev. Franklin Smith, Sal.	16.35
Lakeland: College Heights	600.00
Orlando: First, John Hughlett, Sal	500.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	
Frank Smith, Salary	122.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	500.00
Miami: Coral Gables, First	500.00
Miami: Coral Gables, First	500.00
Ft. Pierce: Community	25.00
Ft. Pierce: Community	5.00
Lakeland: First	5000.00
Orlando: First	750.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	20.00
Anona: Community	480.35
Miami: Trinity	50.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	115.00

MISSIONARIES' WORK FUNDS

Jacksonville: First	5.00
Jacksonville: Lakewood	5.00
Jacksonville: Riverside	50.00
Orange Park	16.00
Lake Wales: First	285.00
Lake Wales: First	217.00
Leesburg: Morrison Mem.	20.00
Winter Park	100.00
Winter Park	100.00
Ft. Myers: Tice	5.00
Ft. Myers: Tice	5.00
Havana	35.00
Tampa: Nebraska Avenue	100.00
Tampa: Nebraska Avenue	25.00
Ft. Pierce: First	5.00
Moore Haven: First	20.00
Vero Beach: First	200.00
Vero Beach: First	105.00
Orsmond Beach	75.00
Daytona Beach: Community	35.00
Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial	25.00
Frostproof: First	14.60
Starke	100.00
Fustis: First	51.50
Inverness	12.50
Bonita Springs	25.00
Ocala: St. Mark's	25.00
District at Large	50.00
Clermont: First	50.00
Davenport	15.00
Lakeland: College Heights	15.00
Miami: St. Paul's	30.00
Orlando: First	25.00
Orlando: Pine Castle	12.30
Tavares	100.00
Clearwater: First	100.00
St. Petersburg: Grace	25.00

Eau Gallie: St. Paul's	30.00
Ft. Pierce: Community	10.00
Ft. Pierce: Community	10.00
Melbourne: First	25.00
Melbourne: First	41.00
Roseland	20.00
W. Palm Beach: Northwood	50.00
Palview	25.00
Jacksonville: Main Street	25.00
Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial	500.00
Miami: Palm Springs, Hialeah	19.00
Miami: St. Paul's	10.00
Eustis	87.92
Orlando: College Park	20.00
Orlando: College Park	20.00
Lake Lindsey	20.00
Ellenton	20.00
Carrabelle	4.00
Wauchula	100.00
Havana: Salem	45.00
Plant City: Trinity	50.00
Fernandina Beach: Memorial	35.00
Bartow: First	200.00
Dunedin	15.00
Daytona Beach: Community	35.00
St. Petersburg: Northside	10.00
Waldo	25.00
W. Palm Beach: Wagg Memorial	80.00
St. Petersburg: Northside	10.00
Macclenny: First	25.00
Leesburg: Morrison Mem.	25.00
Miami: Ojus	24.00
New Smyrna Beach: First	50.00
Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial	75.00
New Smyrna Beach: First	75.00
Orlando: College Park	20.00
Orlando: Conway	25.00
Orlando: Goss Memorial	25.00
Arcadia: Trinity	15.00
Ft. Myers: First	63.00
Sarasota: First	25.00
Waukeenhah	5.00
Waukeenhah: Wacissa	5.00
Eau Gallie	35.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Aldersgate	5.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Wesley	5.00
Starke	100.00
Orlando: First	100.00
Orlando: First	400.00
Palm Harbor	50.00
Ft. Myers: Tice	6.00
Gainesville: First, work of	
Kenneth Traxler	75.00
Hastings: work of C. L. Spottswood	63.00
Clermont: First, work of	
C. L. Spottswood	63.00
Haines City: work of C. L.	
Spottswood	25.00
Haines City: work of Dr.	
W. S. Hughlett	25.00
New Smyrna Betch: Coronado	
Beach, work of C. L. Spottswood	25.00
Clearwater: Belmont Park	
work of C. L. Spottswood	25.00
St. Petersburg: Clearview	
work of C. L. Spottswood	10.82
Wauchula: First, work of	
C. L. Spottswood	20.00
Boca Raton: First	20.00
Ft. Pierce: Community	
Dr. W. S. Hughlett	10.00
Melbourne: First	
F. Anderson, Argentina	25.00
Melbourne: First	
Rev. Robt. Gebhart, Austria	41.00
Oakland Park: C. L. Spottswood	25.00
Pompano Beach: Trinity	
S. L. Spottswood	5.00
Pompano Beach: Trinity	
Nancy Black Wheatley	5.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Wesley	
C. L. Spottswood	15.00
Chiefland: C. L. Spottswood	100.00
Fernandina Beach: Memorial	
C. L. Spottswood	35.00
Jacksonville: Springfield	
work fund, Rev. F. P. Smith	15.00
Jacksonville: Swaim Memorial	
work fund S. L. Spottswood	25.00

Jacksonville: Swaim Memorial	
work fund W. S. Hughlett	25.00
Alturas: work of C. L. Spottswood	8.20
Kissimmee: First	
work fund C. L. Spottswood	10.00
Kissimmee: First	
work fund for Norman Duncan	10.00
Kissimmee: First	
work fund for F. Anderson	10.00
Kissimmee: First	
work fund for Frank Smith	10.00
Kissimmee: First	
work fund Kenneth Traxler	10.00
Kissimmee: First	
work fund, Robt. Gebhart	10.00
Lake Wales: First	
work budget, Frank and Barbara Smith	67.00
Lake Wales: First, work budget	
David Lowry, Ag. Extension	250.00
Orlando: Goss Memorial	
work fund, Jack Abersold	15.00
Orlando: Goss Memorial	
work fund, Jack Abersold	50.00
Winter Pk: Rev. C. L. Spottswood	250.00
Clearwater: Skycrest	
work of Alex Reid	75.00
St. Petersburg: Allendale	
C. L. Spottswood	300.00
St. Petersburg: Euclid	
work under C. L. Spottswood	10.00
Arcadia: Trinity	
W. S. Hughlett in Afroca	15.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	
Spottswood Work	45.00
Lake Worth: Calvary	
work of R. Wheatley	25.00
Lake Worth: Calvary	
work of Kenneth Traxler	100.00
Lake Worth: Calvary	
work of Frank Smith	12.50
Lake Worth: Calvary	
G. A. Christianson work	12.50
Lake Worth: Calvary	
Norman Duncan work	12.50
Melbourne: First	
work of F. Anderson	25.00
Melbourne: First	
work of Robt. Gebhart	41.00
W. Palm Beach: Northwood	
work of C. L. Spottswood	100.00
Cedar Key — C. L. Spottswood	5.00
Crescent City — C. L. Spottswood	10.00
T. H. Slade — C. L. Spottswood	100.00
Fernandina Beach:	
work of C. L. Spottswood	35.00
Jacksonville: Arlington	
work of C. L. Spottswood	70.00
Jacksonville: Arlington	
work of Kenneth Traxler	71.00
Jacksonville: Good Shepherd	
work of C. L. Spottswood	5.00
Jacksonville: Marietta	
work of C. L. Spottswood	5.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	
work of Kenneth Traxler	40.00
Groveland — C. L. Spottswood	25.00
Groveland — Kenneth Traxler	25.00
Silver Palm — C. L. Spottswood	100.00
Miami: Miami Beach	
work of C. L. Spottswood	100.00
Tampa: Highland Avenue	10.00
Boca Raton: First	10.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	58.00
Ft. Pierce: First	5.00
W. Palm Beach: Wagg Memorial	15.00
Daytona Beach: Community	35.00
Daytona Beach: First	150.00
Ocoee	5.00
Pine Castle	9.00
Dunedin	30.00
Clearwater: Sky Crest	75.00
Avon Park	25.00
Greensboro	25.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Melrose Park	175.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Melrose Park	50.00
Ft. Pierce: Community	12.50
Ft. Pierce: Community	15.00
Ft. Pierce: Community	12.50
Oakland Park — C. L. Spottswood	24.75
Miami: Coral Gables, First	80.00

Christ and his Church

NATIONAL PASTORS' SALARIES

Meade	20.00
Gainesville: Community	75.00
istrict at Large	110.00
acksonville: Swaim Memorial	50.00

NATIONAL PASTORS' WORK FUNDS

rmond Beach — Gerald McCray	200.00
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20. OTHER ADVANCE SPECIALS

ABROAD	
cala: First — Dr. Agatep	1200.00
Augustine: First	153.72
ermont: First	50.00
aines City	25.00
aines City	5.00
ssimmee — Dr. Sherwood Hall	10.00
keland: College Heights	50.00
keland: College Heights	50.00
iami: Trinity	75.00
iami: Trinity	75.00
illywood: W. Hollywood	10.00
lando: Concord Park	10.00
lando: First	100.00
lando: Goss Memorial	10.00
nford: First	25.00
nford: First	30.00
nford: First	190.00
nford: First	50.00
nford: First	100.00
earwater: Belmont Park	25.00
earwater: Belmont Park	25.00
earwater: Belmont Park	20.00
Petersburg: Christ	35.57
Petersburg: Christ	165.00
Petersburg: Christ	300.00
Petersburg: Clearview	40.00
Petersburg: Euclid	10.00
onticello — C. L. Spottswood	38.62
ant City: First	50.00
ant City: First	25.00
ampa: Interbay	18.00
anal Point	10.00
ewiston: First	15.00
elbourne: First	41.00
mpamo Beach: Trinity	5.00
cTampa: Palma Ceia	25.00
inter Garden — Bishop R. Ward	
Chapel	1064.21
achua	100.00
acksonville: Highlands	5.00
acksonville: Inman Memorial	10.00
acksonville: Riverview	10.00
acksonville: Southside	
C. L. Spottswood	600.00
ssimmee: FRFirst — Dr. S. Hall	20.00
ssimmee: First—John Mij	
Sandoa	5.00
ssimmee: First	10.00
ssimmee: First	10.00
ssimmee: First	10.00
ssimmee: First	19.00
iami: White Temple	250.00
iami: White Temple	125.00
nford: First	10.00
nford: First	100.00
nford: First	29.58
inter Garden	400.00
inter Garden	105.00
earwater: Skycrest	
S. L. Spottswood	20.00
Petersburg: Euclid	10.00
Petersburg: First	200.00
Petersburg: First	200.00
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Petersburg: First	200.00
arcadia: Trinity	
Sup. of one Indian	35.00
arcadia: Trinity	125.00
olumbia City Ct.: Bethel	6.00
olumbia City Ct.: Columbia City	8.00
olumbia City Ct.: Siloam	6.00
olumbia City Ct.: Pleasant Grove	6.00
White: Tustenuggee	5.00
ke City	15.00
ve Oak	18.50
nite Springs	10.00
ystone	50.00
Lauderdale: First	200.00
ke Worth: Calvary	50.00
ke Worth: Calvary	50.00
ke Worth: Calvary	25.00

Lake Worth: Calvary	50.00
Lake Worth: Calvary	45.00
Lake Worth: Calvary	50.00
Melbourne: Fir ts	41.00
Vero Beach: First	100.00
Miami: White Temple	125.00
Starke	300.00
Jacksonville: Arlington	38.00
Miami: Trinity	1200.00
Miami: White Temple	85.00
Orlando: First	5.00
Winter Park	14.50
St. Petersburg: Grace	40.00
Spring Lake	30.00
Monticello — C. L. Spottswood	31.95
Lutz	25.00
Jacksonville: Arlington	
C. L. Spottswood	30.00
Bartow: First	260.00
Bartow: First	31.00
Bartow: First	21.00
Bartow: First	13.00
Miami: Wesley	110.00
Daytona Beach: Community	40.00
Dunedin	32.00
St. Petersburg: First	65.00
St. Petersburg: First	50.00
St. Petersburg: First	10.00
Vero Beach: First	100.00
Gainesville: Centenary	10.00
Waldo	20.00
Jacksonville: Woodstock	5.00

Leesburg: Morrison Memorial	100.00
Leesburg: Morrison Memorial	25.00
Key West: First	50.00
Orlando: College Park	25.00
Orlando: College Park	20.00
Winter Park	200.00
St. Petersburg: Seminole	100.00
St. Petersburg: Trinity	25.00
St. Petersburg: Trinity	10.00
Arcadia: Trinity	35.00
Bradenton: First	200.00
Bradenton: Manatee	25.00
Bradenton: Manatee	25.00
Ft. Myers: First	50.00
Ft. Myers: First	62.00
Sebring: First	2 5.00
East Leon Ct.: Lloyd	3.00
East Leon Ct.: Lloyd	3.00
Perry	25.00
Starke	300.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	20.00
Groveland	25.00
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Groveland	13.00
Miami: Coral Gables, First	75.00
Miami: Kendall	5.00
Daytona Beach: Community	40.00
Dunedin	32.00
Clearwater: Skycrest	20.00
Avon Park	25.00
Tampa: Nebraska Avenue	50.00
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Ridge Area Training School at Avon Park

The Ridge Area of the Sarasota District, composed of Avon Park, Lake Placid and Sebring, recently held its Christian Workers School at Avon Park. The Rev. Allen Stuart was host pastor; the Rev. Gordon H. Strickland of Sebring was the dean; the Rev. Harry Parham of Lake Placid was head of the Board of Managers; Mr. Earl Rich of Avon Park was registrar; Mrs. Russell M. Matthews and Mr. George Lane, both of Sebring, were secretary and treasurer, respectively.

The faculty included Mrs. Beulah C. Domm of St. Petersburg Dr. E. C. Keboch of Sarasota, the Rev. W. S. Bozeman of Tampa and Miss Dorothy Eubanks of Florida Southern College at Lakeland.

This was the fourth year for this Area School and there was a total enrollment of 107 persons.

First Service Is Held In New Church

Dr. H. W. Blackburn, West Palm Beach District Superintendent, and the Rev. Lee R. Van Sickle pastor spoke to 521 persons at the informal opening of the new \$200,000 sanctuary of Christ's Church in Fort Lauderdale on February 21. The formal opening or consecration service will be held on April 24 when Dr. Charles Ray Goff of Chicago Temple and Dr. George A. Foster of Ft. Lauderdale's Park Temple will speak.

Christ's Church was organized May 25, 1958, less than two years ago. It now has a membership of 250 which includes 34 adults who were received at the opening of the new sanctuary.

New Episcopal Area Is Being Considered

Creation of a new Episcopal area—West Virginia—and the transfer of two conferences to other areas in The Methodist Church's Northeastern Jurisdiction are recommended by a special Committee on Boundaries.

Findings and recommendations of the committee's eight-year study were announced by the chairman, Leon E. Hickman of Pittsburgh, Pa., executive vice president and general counsel of Aluminum Co. of America.

Action on the report is expected to be a chief item of business at the quadrennial sessions of the church's Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference in Washington D.C. June 15-19.

The jurisdiction is composed of 13 eastern states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, numbering 7,785 churches and 1,936,000 members.

Creation of West Virginia as a separate Episcopal area would group the state's 1500 Methodist churches and 210,000 members under the supervision of a resident bishop, with headquarters probably in Charleston.

West Virginia is now one of three annual (regional) conferences which comprise the Pittsburgh Episcopal area.

Conference Executive Secretary and His Work

One may sometimes "hear" corn grow on a hot July day, but, generally speaking growth is a quiet phenomenon. Perhaps this is why we do not find more written or said about a group of very important leaders in The Methodist Church, the executive secretaries of conference Boards of Education.

These are persons especially committed to leadership in the process of growth and nurture in the life of the whole church. And growth is a quiet thing. It is difficult to see day by day; quite as difficult to report on quarterly. It deals with the mind and spirit, and one doesn't always "weigh and measure" here.

But it is a major factor in the life and work of the church. Viewed from the perspective of years, one can see remarkable growth over the past two decades in the mind and spirit of Methodists. A strong contributive factor in this growth has been the steady, quiet, and often indirect leadership of the conference executive secretary in the program of Christian education.

Historically, the office of executive secretary is a relatively new development in Methodism. In printed records its origin can be traced back only about fifty years. Terminology, both for the office and the board was different then from what it is now. Term "conference board of education" we now use appeared in the *Discipline* for the first time in 1928. Previous nomenclature was usually "Sunday School Board." In 1930 The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, used the term "executive secretary." This term was brought into the united church and has appeared in each *Discipline* since 1939.

So the office of executive secretary of the conference Board of Education is a relatively new venture. But it is interesting to note that in each situation the office grew out of an expressed need on the part of an annual conference. Its development to its present form was in reality a grassroots movement.

What does the executive secretary do? He is the administrative officer of the board of education and is charged with the responsibility of oversight in all its work. Involvements are much too numerous to itemize in so brief an article. Only those who have been through it would appreciate the staggering load of administrative responsibility carried by the officers of an annual conference, including the executive secretary.

Probably no one serving in this

By **HAROLD W. HEWITT***
Dr. Hewitt is Director of Field Services,
Division of the Local Church of the
General Board of Education

office was persuaded to enter it because of its administrative task. Doubtless it was the challenge of creative aspects of the program of Christian education



Dr. Hewitt

that provided the motivation. As a resource specialist, the executive secretary has unparalleled opportunity to lift the sights and push back the educational horizons of the churches in his conference. His role in discovering and training local church, district and conference leaders permits him to serve in a most productive way.

To administer leadership training enterprises is one thing. To watch new and renewed leadership develop through these experiences is the glorious vindication of the administrative effort. To plan and supervise programs at summer camps, institutes, and assemblies is one thing. To know that out of these enterprises come strong church leaders of tomorrow brings a glow of satisfaction to the task and the executive secretary is humbly grateful for the privilege of serving the continuing witness of the church.

Visiting local churches is a major part of the work of the executive secretary. Meeting with officers and teachers of the church school provides opportunity to make the theology and philosophy of Christian education relevant to a particular situation. Perhaps more than any other single factor, this has been the reason for the steady progress in American

Methodism's program of Christian education.

The executive secretary counsels with building committees to help make buildings functional for the work of Christian education. This saves large sums of money and provides facilities designed for effective use in teaching.

In many conferences the office of the executive secretary houses the conference library of audio-visual resources available to local churches. (This is true in Florida.—Ed.) This is a rapidly growing service in the work of Christian education as well as other important streams of church life, including missions, stewardship evangelism, etc.

While it is true that the major work of the executive secretary touches the local church, his contribution and responsibility to conference agencies is not to be minimized. He works in close cooperation with the bishop, district superintendents, and ministers of the conference. These key leaders look to him for counsel and help in all matters related to Christian education.

Institutions of Christian higher education and units of the Wesley Foundation and Methodist Student Movement receive his attention and co-operation. In many annual conferences he is a member of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, and works closely with the Commission on Christian Vocations. The Commission on Town and Country Work benefits from his knowledge of the churches of the conference. He works closely with the Board of Evangelism, recognizing that the ultimate goal of both Christian education and evangelism is the winning of persons to Christ and His church.

A recent development in some annual conferences is the Interboard Council which co-ordinates the programs and services of several boards and agencies, including the Board of Education. While patterns of the Interboard Council often vary widely in structure it is interesting to observe that all but one of them began with the existing staff of the conference Board of Education whose executive secretary became the administrative head of the interboard. In this situation the executive secretary attempts to do for all boards what he has done for the one.

In the 100 annual conferences of The Methodist Church, there are 88 full-time executive secretaries, two part-time, and eight volunteers. Two conferences are without an executive secretary. Two executive secretaries are women. To these men and women

Junaluska Program for 1960 Announced

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The 1960 program of The Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdiction summer assembly at Lake Junaluska, N.C., will have a total of more than 40 conferences, institutes, workshops and training schools.

The announcement was made by the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, Atlanta, Ga., program director of the assembly and an executive secretary of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

The 48th annual program will begin June 4 and run through September 2. Also a conference is scheduled September 13-15.

From July 13 to 17, top Methodist leaders of the Southeast will be at Junaluska for the quadrennial Southeastern Jurisdictional conference. At the meeting, work of the church in the nine southern states for the last four years will be reviewed and projects for the next four years will be planned. Also, bishops will be elected and assigned.

A jurisdictional older adult conference will be held at the assembly for the first time, June 22.

The annual Bible Conference, July 3-7, will this year be enlarged and enriched, said Dr. James, by adding an emphasis for teachers of adult classes in local churches.

For the first time, a Conference on a Decade of Dynamic Discipleship and Prayer will be held. It is scheduled for July 7-10 and will succeed the Deeper Life Conference that was held last year and previously.

Scores of well-known speakers are scheduled during the summer. Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, Washington, D. C., secretary of the U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare, is tentatively scheduled to speak.

Among others scheduled to speak are the Rev. Dr. Haskell Miller, a professor at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C.; the Rev. Dr. Leslie C. Sayre, New York City, a staff member of the National Council of Churches; the Rev. Dr. William Cannon, dean of Candler School of Theology of Emory University, Atlanta; the Rev. Dr. Franklin Littell, a professor at Candler; the Rev. Dr. J. C. McNeeters, president of Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.; the Rev. Dr. John A. Redd, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, N.C.; the Rev. J. Wallace Hamilton, pastor of Pasadena Community Church, Petersburg, Fla.; the Rev. Dr.

Roy L. Smith, La Jolla, Calif., retired publishing agent of The Methodist Church; the Rev. Dr. Edwin Kimbrough, superintendent of Birmingham, Ala., Methodist district; the Rev. Dr. Albert C. Outler, a professor at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas; and the Rev. Dr. W. B. Selah, pastor of Galloway Memorial Methodist Church, Jackson, Miss.

The Rev. James W. Fowler, Jr., is the assembly superintendent.

The schedule is as follows:

June: 4-5 South Carolina WSCS and WSG Spiritual Life Retreat; 5 Waynesville District Youth Rally; 7-12 Western North Carolina Annual Conference; 14-16 WNC Conference WSCS; 17-19 WNC Conference WSG Week End; 19-22 Older Adult Conference; 23-26 Family Life Conference; 23-30 Juris. WSCS School of Missions and Christian Service; 26-29 N.C. Tuberculosis Association; 27 to July 2 WNC Senior Officers Workshop; 29 to August 10 Summer School of Music and Drama; 30 Boston Lyric Theatre Concert.

July: 1-3 Jurisdiction WSG Week End; 3-7 Bible Conference and Conference for Teachers of Adult Classes; 4-8 Red Cross Instructors' Course; 4-9 WNC Senior Christian Action Assembly; 4-9 Youth Activities Week; 7-10 Mid-Year Conference on Decade of Dynamic Discipleship and Prayer; 10-12 Methodist Historical Society; 13-17 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference; 18-21 Ministers Conference for District Superintendents and Pastors; 18-21 Methodist Writers Conference; 19-20 Staff Meeting for Youth Workshop; 21 Concert by Nell Rankin, Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano; 21-28 Regional Youth Workshop; 22-28 Missionary Conference; 22-28 Youth and Missions Conference; 28 - 31 Jurisdiction Laymen's Conference; 31 to

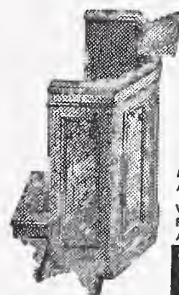
Aug. 5 Institute of Church Music.

August: 1-12 Two-Week Leadership School and Laboratory School; 6 Meeting of Lake Junaluska Assembly Board of Trustees; 6 Cornelia Stabler in original character sketches; 7 Lake Junaluska Day; 7-12 Conference of House Parents and Superintendents; 12-14 Conference of Church School Administrators; 13 Crowning of Junaluska Queen; 14-20 One-Week Laboratory School; 14-21 Candler Camp Meeting and Seminar on Evangelism; 15-19 Conference of Directors of Christian Education; 15-19 Conference for Church Management; 20-21 WNC Laymen's Conference; 22-29 Student Regional Conference; 29 to September 2 Southern States Faculty Conference.

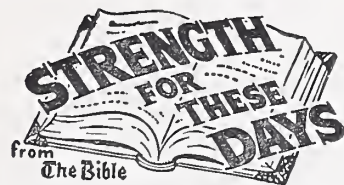
September: 13-15 Christian Social Relations Briefing Conference.

In addition to the conferences, the summer program offers Sunday worship services, sight-seeing tours, golfing, boating and swimming.

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Mrs. John W. Branscomb is now living in Lakeland at the Lake Morton Apartments. Her new mailing address is: Mrs. John W. Branscomb, P.O. Box 2503, Lakeland, Florida.

The Rev. Jack A. Davis, executive secretary of the Florida Council of Churches, preached for the Rev. James E. Ulmer at Tice on March 6th.

Mrs. Victoria Torke, head of the Lakeland High School Music Department, and Robert Wheeler, high school sophomore were soloists at Trinity, Lakeland, on recent Sunday mornings. Mrs. Torke was formerly in opera.

Dr. E. Pearce Hayes of Baltimore, Md., missionary to China and other parts of the Orient since 1921, preached at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, on February 28th and at Tamiami Temple, Miami; on March 13th.

The mother of the Rev. Robert C. Boggs, pastor at First Church, Lake Wales; passed away in Orlando last month.

The Rev. David J. Cathcart, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education, was the Homecoming preacher at Perrine-Peters on March 6th.

Gerardo Montinez, Cuban pastor, spoke at Ley Memorial, Key West; on Feb. 28

Dr. Vela Cleveland missionary from Ft. Meade now serving in India, has presented a bronze gong to the Wesley Workers Glass of her home church. She is giving another to the Methodist Men of Wesley Memorial, Lakeland, a group which contributes to her work.

Miss Charlotte Lewis, missionary to Africa, spoke to the youth and the evening congregation at Tice on March 6th.

Miami District Lay Leader Glenn Gold recently led a training school on the Every Member Canvass in Key West.

Both Dr. Paul Horton and the Rev. Harold Brooks ministers at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, have been showing pictures of their travels to the congregation recently.

Lloyd T. (Tom) Cunningham, a ministerial student at Florida Southern College and a licensed

local preacher, has joined the staff of Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven, as a Youth Worker. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham are now living in Winter Haven.

The people of Northside, St. Petersburg, paid the expenses of their pastor, The Rev. Austin G. McCoig, when he participated in the recent Evangelistic Mission to Cuba. Mr. McCoig served with the Rev. Roberto Lenz at Santa Cruz del Sur, the national pastor supported by Northside.

Mrs. Maxwell Swartz has announced the marriage of her daughter, Bernice Swartz Schippman, to the Rev. Joseph Eugene Crawley; pastor of Saint John's on the Lake, Miami Beach, in the Crane Chapel of that church on March 8th.

Stephen A. Haboush, the Galilean Shepherd, was a recent speaker to the Greater Fort Lauderdale Ministers Association. He is also presenting his Travelogue in some 18 Dade County churches.

Dr. Albert Dale Hagler pastor of First Church, West Palm Beach, recently spoke to the local chapter of the American Association for the United Nations on "Community Approaches to Human Survival."

Dr. and Mrs. E. Kellersberger, retired missionaries to the Belgian Congo, spoke at the Clewiston church recently.

Mrs. C. M. Worthington, retired missionary, well known in Florida and now living in San Francisco, writes of meeting old friends, Bishop and Mrs. Hobart B. Amstutz, who were on their way home from Singapore via Australia and New Zealand. They will attend the General Conference in Denver.

Trinity, Winter Haven, Celebrates Birthday

The Rev. Raymond A. Alley, Lakeland District Superintendent, was the preacher when Trinity Church, Winter Haven, celebrated the fourth anniversary of its founding on February 28th. Organized four years ago with 28 charter members, Trinity now has a membership of 170 and a Church School enrollment of 181. The church is fully organized and carries an active program in every area of interest.

Construction of the second unit of the educational plant is expected to begin in the near future and plans for a sanctuary are in the making. The Rev. Charles Kinder has been the pastor since 1958.

Men at Work

Perrine-Peters Methodist Men are sponsoring a new Sunday School on the Quail Roost Road.

Methodist Men at Wesley Memorial, Lakeland, recently sponsored a spaghetti supper to raise funds for the support of Dr. Vela Cleveland missionary in India. Simultaneously, the Wesley Philanthra Sunday School class sold pies and cakes to pay for a new rug in the sanctuary.

Despite a nasty, rainy evening 355 men attended the Miami District's Mid - Winter Laymen's Rally recently

A Father and Son banquet was the Washington's Birthday program for the Methodist Men at College Heights, Lakeland.

The W.S.C.S and the Methodist Men at First Church Homestead, held a joint meeting recently at which the program was a "mock" church service. At the close the pastor, the Rev. Joseph Jones, was presented with a Life Membership pin by the W.S.C.S.

With the chartering of a new club at Tarboux Memorial, Miami, the Miami District now leads the Conference in chartered Methodist Men's Clubs.

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Rules on Marrying Divorced Persons

(Because all Methodists will be interested in what three of our ministers have to say on a very timely subject, TOGETHER is happy to send you this digest for use in your publication even before it appears in the April issue. —Editors)

It was in 1884, on the 100th anniversary of American Methodism, that The Methodist Church took its first official stand on the problem of divorce and remarriage. It has remained firm in its stand until now but there is mounting sentiment in favor of liberalizing its restrictions.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, meeting in Philadelphia that year, adopted a measure which restricting Methodist ministers from performing marriages for divorced persons except when they were innocent parties in a adultery cases. In recent years "adultery" has been broadened to include adultery or other vicious conceptions for the "innocent parties." Ministers failing to observe those limitations were faced with the threat of forfeiting their ministerial orders.

At the General Conference of 1956, however, the Committee on Family Life was asked to make a study of a proposal that would leave the decision on such remarriages up to the individual ministers, directing them broadly to marry only those persons they deem emotionally, morally, and spiritually fit.

Knowing that delegates may be asked to consider new divorce legislation at the General Conference in Denver April 27-May 11, the Methodist family magazine TOGETHER asked three ministers from strong churches of the denomination to comment on the direction such legislation should take. Their opinions are printed in the current issue, out next week.

Dr. Albert Dale Hagler, senior pastor of First Methodist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla., and delegate to the General Conference, is of the conviction that "the church's primary concern is not to keep people from obtaining divorces but to help them build marriages so satisfying that divorce is unthinkable."

He believes that if the church is to handle the divorce question in the spirit of God, "it must concentrate more on present attitudes and less on past conduct." The minister asked to perform such a marriage should ask probing questions to determine the

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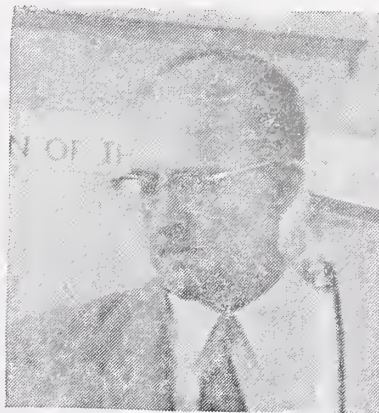


At a Valentine Party given last month by the W.S.C.S. of the Childs Park Church, St. Petersburg, little Miss Lori Beth Cary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cary was crowned "Queen of Hearts." Lori was also presented with an Infant Membership in the Society. All other little girls 5 years and under were her court.

Two highlights of the meeting, which was attended by more than 100 members and guests, was the presentation of "love gifts" to the pastor, the Rev. George B. Warren, and to his mother, Mrs. Minna Warren. The gift to the pastor made possible his participation in the recent Evangelistic Mission to Cuba. The gift to Mrs. Warren was in the nature of Bon Voyage gift as she has gone to spend six months in Kenya Colony British East Africa where her two daughters are missionaries.

present attitudes toward past mistakes.

"Let us admit that no set of rules can adequately cover the complexities of individual needs and situations," he writes. "Each case should be decided on its own merits. The minister should be free to perform, for all who come to him a redemptive ministry through which broken lives are healed. Such a ministry may be rejected but the pastor should be free to provide it without threats



DR. ALBERT D. HAGLER

of maladministration hanging over him.

"At the same time, the church deserves protection against abuse. It would be helpful to many ministers for the church to recommend a minimum waiting period before remarriage to reduce hasty remarriages and give pastors opportunity to observe amended lives."

Dr. Finis A. Crutchfield, of McFarlin Memorial Methodist Church, Norman, Okla., warns that "the church must be cautious about adapting itself to the current mood of liberalization. It must witness to the eternal in the midst of the temporal."

For that reason when the church writes legislation, it must not emphasize the exceptions—the small group for whom divorce is morally permissible and otherwise desirable—but must uphold its responsible place in a society already weakened by sagging moral standards.

Dr. Crutchfield believes that to weaken the church's stand on the remarriage of divorced persons would be a great misattribution. Because marriages grow in beauty as they survive storms, the present church's conviction that marriage is permanent gives support to couples who travel through these storms, and then rejoices with them when their marriage proceeds with greater meaning. To weaken that stand would be to remove their support.

If any change is to be made in present legislation, points out Dr. Crutchfield, perhaps a longer period of waiting between marriages should be required of divorced couples. In addition, a program of premarital counseling should be made mandatory. Widespread use of counseling manuals in the church also would be helpful.

Dr. Ben F. Lehmberg, of First Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, largest in the Western Jurisdiction points out that divorce today is breaking up five times as many marriages as it did 50 years ago. Although ministers must uphold the high standards of marriage that Jesus gave to man ministers must recognize that marriages do break up—and usually because there is some guilt on both sides.

If a divorced couple, after having been earnestly counseled, appears to be ready for remarriage, Dr. Lehmberg believes it is better for a minister to marry them than to turn them out to be married by a justice of the peace. "For then the church will still have a hold on the couple. Such action serves as an offer of help to make the marriage succeed."

NEW STAFF MEMBER



DR. GLEN O. MARTIN

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Rev. Dr. Glen O. Martin, director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, will join the staff of the Methodist Board of Education here September 1.

He will become associate director of the board's Department of College and University Religious. This is a newly created position.

While directing the Wesley Foundation at the University of Tennessee, Dr. Martin has also been director of the Tennessee School of Religion in Knoxville. The school is supported by various denominations. Through it, students may take religion courses and receive credit from the University of Tennessee.

He has been director of the Wesley Foundation at Knoxville since 1951 and director of the Tennessee School of Religion nearly two years. Formerly, he was director of religious activities at Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn.

He is now state director of the Tennessee Methodist Student Movement and he is a past president of the Association of College and University Ministers of The Methodist Church.

The new staff member received a bachelor of arts degree from Harvard University, bachelor of divinity from Union Theological Seminary, and doctor of philosophy from Columbia University. He is a Phi Beta Kappa.

The 35-year-old Methodist minister is a native of Joplin, Mo. He and Mrs. Martin have two sons.

The Rev. Robert Lewis of Wildwood was the revival preacher for the Rev. Edgar D. Farris at Coleman last month.

The Revival Circuit

The Rev. Duane Zoller, pastor at Charlotte Harbor, was the Youth Revival preacher at Tice, March 6-11.

Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, of Boston University, is delivering a series of sermons at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, at a series of vespers services during March.

BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT was the preacher in Preaching Missions held at First Church Winter Park, and First Church, Bradenton; the weeks of Feb. 28 and March 6, respectively. He is currently leading a Mission at Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale; and will be heard at First Church, Ft. Myers; Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven; and Christ Church, St. Petersburg, on succeeding weeks.

The Rev. Paul Hartfield, pastor of Hendricks Memorial, Jacksonville; was the revival preacher for the Rev. George B. Warren at Childs Park, St. Petersburg, the week of February 28.

The Rev. Robert D. Bledsoe, pastor at First Church, Haines City, the Inspiration For Youth preacher at Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven, March 6-9.

The Rev. Elliott S. Ritch, pastor at Murray Hill Church Jacksonville, is the revival preacher at Ley Memorial, Key West, March 13-16.

Dr. M. C. Cleveland pastor at First Church, St. Petersburg, led a Preaching Mission at the Peachtree Road Church, Atlanta, Ga.; the week of Feb. 28th.

The Rev. Whitney J. Dough, associate pastor at First Church, West Palm Beach, was the revival preacher for the Rev. John Bass at the Lakeside Church, Lake Worth, the week of March 6th.

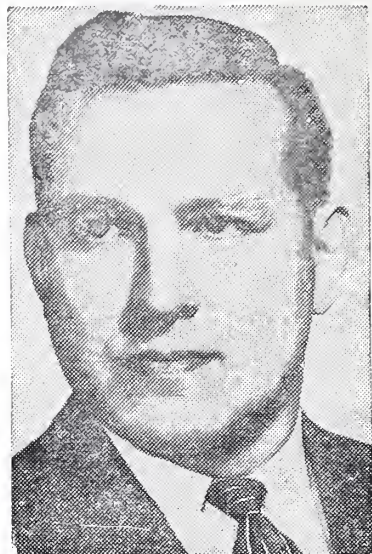
Dr. Leonard Cochran, pastor of the Mulberry Street Church, Macon, Ga. was the preacher in a Spiritual Life Mission at First Church, Clearwater, March 6-11.

New Educational Building

The contact has been let and construction is underway on a new educational building at the Carol City Church, Miami. The \$35,000 facility will provide space for two kindergartens and for primary and junior classes as well as large play area. It is expected that the building will be occupied by Easter.

Wesley Foundation Has Service of Rededication

Conference and District officials participated in the Service of Rededication which was held



REV. ROGER ORTMAYER

at the Wesley Foundation at the University of Miami on the afternoon of March 6th. Such a service was requested for all of our educational institutions and agencies by the Annual Conference and Miss Eulalie Ginn, Foundation Director at the U. of M., planned this occasion to fall within the Week of Dedication and Evangelism. It also coincided with the University's Religious Emphasis Week.

Dr. Roger A. Ortmyer, head of the Department of Christianity and the Arts at Southern Methodist University, was the principal speaker. Dr. Ortmyer is the former editor of *Motive*, *Church and Campus*, and *Christian Education* magazines; is the author of several books and is a regular contributor to various journals on education and religion. He is a person well known for his knowledge of art in communicating the gospel.

Dr. Ortmyer also participated in the Religious Emphasis Week and spoke in classes each day throughout the week.

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R. A. Alley Dedicates Building at Coleman

A new Church School building has recently dedicated at the



Methodist Church in Coleman. begun during the pastorate of the Rev. J. A. Cullifer, now retired and living in Coleman, the project was brought to completion by the Rev. Edgar D. Farris, now completing his third year as pastor of the church.

Dr. Raymond A. Alley Superintendent of the Lakeland District, is shown above conducting the dedication service in the air-conditioned sanctuary of the Church.

R. Goff Speaks An Encouraging Word

SANTA FE — The Rev. Dr. Charles Ray Goff, pastor of Chicago Temple, said at a Methodist meeting here that he does not think the general moral tone of the nation is down.

He spoke February 24 at St. Ann's Methodist Church to Methodists of Santa Fe and vicinity and members of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism. The board had its annual meeting February 23-25 at the La Fontaine Hotel here.

"I realize that morality is low in some areas of life and in some areas of the country," said Dr. Goff, "but generally I think American morality is on a higher level than some people seem to think."

"Many minimize the importance of the current revival of religion," he said. "They point to a high crime rate, and so on. But the revival of religion is real and vital. There are tremendous things happening in the religious life of the people now, and much of the dividends of the revival of religion will be paid in future generations. We're in a great religious movement."

The pastor of Chicago's skyscraper Methodist church said he thinks one reason morality seems better now is that low morality has been put in sharper focus.

"It's when you get sensitive persons and sensitive spirits," he said, "that evil begins to show itself for what it really is."

GLEANINGS FROM HERE and THERE

The John L. Bishop family recently presented a beautiful wooden inlaid cross made by Mr. Bishop, to the Tamiami Temple Church, Miami, to be used as a worship center in the Church School Assembly room.

The Junior-Hi Department at College Heights Lakeland, sponsored a spaghetti dinner to secure funds for redecorating their classrooms.

The Musical Dunne Family, TV and radio artists, presented a sacred concert at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, on March 13th.

The Rev. and Mrs. Edison Russell the parsonage family at Fernine-Peters, have recently moved into a new \$17,000; 3 bedroom, 2 baths; parsonage.

The Wesleyan College Glee Club, composed of 40 young women, sang a concert at First Church St. Petersburg, on March 2nd.

Twenty members and guests attended the dinner when Jane Spivey was installed as the first president of the Wesleyan Service Guild at the new Palm Springs Church Hialeah. The Rev. A. E. Purviance is pastor.

The St. David's Choral Society—a group of Welsh singers—gave its annual concert at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, on Feb. 29th.

The Senior MYF at Murray Hill, Jacksonville, sponsored "The Return of the Showboat," a variety show, for the benefit of the Building Fund on March 11.

The church at Dania is buying a 3-bedroom, 3-bath house for \$20,000 to be used as a new parsonage.

The Junior Department at First Church Dade City, has organized a Junior Altar Guild to maintain the worship center in their department and to encourage the establishment of worship centers in their own homes.

The Week of Dedication, "One Hour of Sharing," and WSCS Thank Offering gifts at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, totaled \$1,713.

The series of Christian Workers' Schools held in the Miami District this year enrolled 1500 and issued 950 credits. This

against an enrollment of 900 with 600 credits issued last year.

Laymen at Trinity, Lakeland, are making 5-minute talks each Sunday urging members to be sure they are qualified voters in view of the wet-dry election that seems likely to be called in Polk County this year.

An Electronic String Ensemble, presented by Pasco Roberts and 16 students along with other soloists, gave a concert at Christ Church, St. Petersburg on March 11.

New Counseling Service

Dr. Russell L. Dicks, nationally known counselor, writer and teacher, has opened a two-fold counseling service in Orlando. Dr. Dicks a member of the North Carolina Conference, is offering counseling services to laymen and assistance to pastors in their counseling problems. His offices are in the YMCA building.

Working with Dr. Dicks to set up what will be known as the Central Florida Counseling Center is a steering committee composed of 14 Orlando ministers. The Rev. McCoy Gibbs, pastor of the Broadway Methodist Church, is the chairman of this committee. The service will offer counseling in marital difficulties, alcoholism, family problems and similar emotional upsets.

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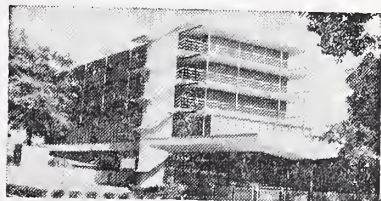
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MISSIONARY TO JAPAN



Evyn Adams

The Rev. Evyn Adams, missionary from Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan, will be available to speak in Florida churches April 24—May 15. Mr. Adams was born in Japan of missionary parents. He spent his early years in the rural areas of Japan and China. He came to the United States at the age of fourteen. He graduated from Hollywood High School in Los Angeles and from Asbury College. During World War II he worked as an industrial engineer with North American Aviation. He received his Master of Arts degree from Drew University and is a candidate for his Ph. D. degree in June, 1960.

Rev. and Mrs. Adams were assigned to Hokkaido, the northern island of Japan in 1951. They were engaged in pioneer evangelism and were instrumental in establishing 13 new churches. During their 6 year term, the number of churches grew from 26 to 54, and the total membership was doubled.

Mr. Adams has been assigned to head up a new organization to be known as Hokkaido Radio and Evangelism by Mass Communication. This group will study the use of radio, TV and other means of reaching men for Christ. He is an excellent speaker and presents the cause of missions in a forceful way. Those interested in having Mr. Adams should contact The Rev. Roy Ben Ridley, 119 N. Lakeview, Winter Garden Florida.

The Rev. Richard Blanchard of First Church, Ft. Lauderdale, was the preacher in a Youth Revival at Trinity, Miami, February 26-28.

Edens Resigns At Duke

Dr. Hollis Edens, president of Duke University, Durham, N. C., is retiring after heading the Methodist institution for 11 years.

Dr. Edens 59, has submitted his resignation to the Board of Trustees, which is to meet March 23.

In a letter to the faculty, Dr. Edens said that a \$76 million, 10-year development program the university will launch next year should be guided for the full term by a younger man.

Dr. Edens told Methodist Information that he had no immediate plans for the future, "although I do not intend to remain inactive."

He added: "my first duty is to the university and my resignation will not become effective until my successor is elected and is in office."

Dr. Edens, son of a Methodist minister, was born in Willow Grove, Tenn. Before going to Duke, he was associate director of the General Education Fund of the Rockefeller Foundation.

During his tenure at Duke, Dr. Edens directed a \$12 million development program from 1949 to 1952.

Dr. Edens is only the third president of the school, which was enlarged from Trinity College in 1928 after James B. Duke, tobacco millionaire, gave a \$60 million endowment.

New Church at Plantation

Since September, 1959, the Rev. Henry G. Galloway associate pastor at Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale, has been working with a new congregation in the Plantation area of that city.

On February 28 District Superintendent Dr. H. W. Blackburn met with the group in the Parkway Junior High School and organized the Plantation Methodist Church with 113 members. The total attendance at the service was 143 and there were 102 in Sunday School that day.

This is the 5th Church Extension Project sponsored by the Park Temple Church which still must have 3 morning services (8:30; 9:50; and 11:00) to accommodate its crowds. This is a fact which should say something to any church which hesitates to sponsor a new work lest its own program suffer.

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The volume is edited by the Rev. Albert C. Hoover, director of the church's Statistical Office.

Something of the size of the volume is suggested by the fact that it requires 125 pages, with three columns per page, for the alphabetical listing of the denomination's 27,750 clergymen.

In addition to the statistical tables, the book includes such information as addresses of the bishops conference secretaries and jurisdictional conference officers; lists of those entering the ministry during 1959, those transferring, and those whose conference membership was terminated for any reason; and a geographical breakdown of conferences.

Several pages are devoted to the decisions and opinions which the Judicial Council rendered during the quadrennium.

"The General Minutes" are available from the Methodist Publishing House through its Cokesbury book stores.

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An Editor Can't Do It Alone

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It is with sincere regret that we learn of the resignation of Editor R. P. Marshall of the N. C. Christian Advocate effective June 1. In the five years that he has served as editor of the Methodist weekly, we have turned regularly to his editorial page to see what he had to say. His editorials were always stimulating and of course his frequent references to Baptists have made us like him all the more.

We are not familiar with all the reasons behind Brother Marshall's desire to return to the pastorate. We do know that the Methodist publication, like many others, has not had it easy in recent years. The introduction of a new, four-color magazine called Together has cut heavily into Advocate subscriptions until the circulation is now less than 15,000. Although the beautiful family publication serves a vital need (similar to Home Life among

Southern Baptists), it does not—and cannot—take the place of a state denominational paper.

Our Methodist friends are at the crossroads with regard to the future of their paper. They are fully capable of making their own decisions that will insure its continuance. We would pass along this friendly observation: An editor can't do the job alone. He must have the help of denominational leaders and pastors, especially in promotion of the paper. If pastors become lax, it soon becomes evident on the circulation rolls. A good word now and then can have a telling effect on church members. On the contrary, if no mention is ever made of a publication, you can be sure that it will soon be forgotten in the minds of people.

What we say to our Methodist friends, we say to Baptists, too. If people are not informed, they simply do not respond. It is as simple as that. And the best ways to keep them informed and inspired is to put the Baptist state paper in their hands. Even then, no miracles are likely to occur, but at least they are exposed to a publication designed to make them better Christians and better informed church members. Try it, won't you?

—Biblical Recorder

ABANDONED VICTORY

A huge cross atop a wind swept hill,

There the Christ impaled and still.

No one to sympathize or to wipe His fevered brow,

No one to follow, no one to love Him now.

On either side, two thieves, one crusing, one praying,

On the ground below, drunken soldiers playing.

Priests and scribes who ridicule, and scorn,

A motley crowd come to gape, none to mourn.

A broken heart, and a God who wept; what tragic folly,

The world of men laughed, and then-abandoned victory.

2,000 years and forever the scene will say,

To you and me: "Will you also go away?"

—Luther V. Laite

The

YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By HOOVER RUPERT

MATURITY QUOTIENT

Most parents are reasonably concerned about their child's IQ. They want to know what his intellectual potential really is. They may not understand just how the figure was arrived at, but if it's a certain figure then they know he is within average. Or perhaps he is above average. And if he is below average, that is important to know.

But sometimes one wonders if there is not too much concern about the intellectual phases of one's maturing, and not enough about some of the other phases of maturity. One voice I heard of recently raised in this question was that of Dr. Karl Menninger of the world-famous Menninger Clinic in Topeka, Kansas. He believes that we should be more concerned with our M.Q. than our I.Q. He suggests that most people have enough intelligence, if right-

ly applied, to more than master life. Trouble comes for many persons of reasonable intelligence who have failed to mature in the other phases of personality growth and development. Many people get into trouble because of their immaturity in areas of experience where one should be able to expect adult maturity.

This outstanding psychiatrist and churchman suggests that we should get a piece of paper and a pencil and rate ourselves on our M.Q. by asking some questions about each of these elements. The first is our **social maturity**. Do we find people difficult to get along with? Or, do we honestly believe that things never go right unless we take over? Or, are we happier when someone else is always taking the responsibility and making decisions.

About our **emotional maturity**, he asks, do we honestly believe that other people are talking about us behind our back? When we notice a group of persons talking, do we feel that we are involved in what they say? Are we worried about what people will say or are saying, feeling that our life is insecure? Do we love only those who love us and have

goodwill for those who have good will for us?

Intellectual maturity is a third element. Dr. Menninger suggests we ask what we do when many things go wrong at the same time. Do we go all to pieces, or turn to others in panic, or do we face up to the situation? Maybe we are too proud to seek help on personal problems. How do we adjust when our best-laid plans go awry?

I was particularly interested in the questions he suggested we ask about our **spiritual maturity**: Is your life centered in God so you are not uncomfortable with people of other faiths or churches? Do you honestly believe that your past sins have been forgiven and that God loves you? Do you honestly believe that your prayers are answered and trust God with your problem when you have placed it in His hand? Do you really apply the insight of religion to your everyday living?

Now that you have answered the questions, make positive application of Dr. Menninger's six traits that the maturity personality reveals: sincerity, personal integrity, humility, courtesy, charity and wisdom. How's your M.Q.?

NEW SANCTUARY AT LOCKHART



This is an interior view of the new sanctuary at Lockhart which was consecrated on February 21. A service was led by Dr. Bruce F. Annanway, District Superintendent of the Orlando District. To be connected with the recently

completed Educational Building by covered walkways, this sanctuary seats upwards of 400 persons and is valued at more than \$60,000. It was erected under the leadership of the Rev. Bob Knight who has been the pastor at Lockhart for the past 5 years.

Church and Community Workshops June 21-July 7

The nature of the church and political concerns will be the general theme of the sixteenth annual Church and Community Workshop at Emory University, June 21 to July 7, 1960.

Under the guidance of E. Clinton Gardner, associate professor of social ethics at the Candler School of Theology, the group will study six phases of the subject from 8:20 to 9:40 a.m. daily.

The subjects are: (1) A Protestant View, (2) A Roman Catholic View, (3) The Nature and Involvement of Judaism in Contemporary Society, (4) The Church as a Social Institution, (5) The Church as an Agency of Social Change, (6) The Nature of Political Processes.

For six days, June 29-July 5, the participants in the first period will be divided into two major groups and these will be subdivided for more intensive discussion of the topics.

One group will study the church and democracy at the grass roots. They will go into specific issues such as juvenile delinquency

mental hospitals, care of older citizens, civic righteousness and the responsibility of the pastor and church groups in these matters.

The other section will discuss



E. Clinton Gardner

the concern of the church in such public issues as federal aid to education, teaching religion in public schools, universal military training, religious affiliation of candidates for public office, the role of government in labor-management and agricultural and civil rights issues.

The church and international issues such as disarmament, Communism, refugees and relief of suffering will be discussed July 6.

International issues such as world peace, population trends, technical cooperation, economic foreign aid and the United Nations are scheduled for discussion July 7.

Other periods will be spent as follows:

10 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.—Action in the local church. Percy Worley will direct programs on methods for mobilizing a congregation to carry out the mission of the church at the local level.

11:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.—Communities in transition. J. Carson Fritchard will lead an investigation into the tools of analysis, types of communities, programs now in operation.

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.—To be devoted to tours, projects and investigations under the guidance of Dr. Roy A. Burkhardt.

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Function of the minister. Dr. Burkhardt will lead in worship. After his lecture-sermon, he will be available for discussion or individual consultation.

Some scholarships are available to help defray the \$100 cost. Tuition is \$54, a room is \$15, and meals for the 15-day period will cost approximately \$30.

Four quarter hours of academic credit are given those who are registered in a degree program.

For further information, write Dr. G. Ross Freeman, Bishops Hall, Emory University, Atlanta 22, Ga.

Missionary Becomes Pastor's Assistant

A reception held March 16th at the Community Methodist Church, Daytona Beach, welcomed Miss Charlotte Lewis to the staff of that church as the Assistant to the Minister.

Miss Lewis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Lewis, Sr., prominent lay folk of Orlando. After graduating from Stetson, she did graduate work at Biblical Seminary and Scarritt College. For the past four years she has served as missionary under the Woman's Division in Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa. She recently has spoken in many Florida churches on African missions.

Coffee-Break Evangelism . . .

During the past twenty years the coffee break has become an accepted part of American life. In factories, in offices, in stores, in mines, in forests and fields, in homes, wherever people are, once—and usually twice—a day work stops and everyone from the messenger boy to the president of the company pauses for a ten or fifteen minute coffee break.

Frankly, I enjoy it. I look forward to it. On those days when I am unable to take a coffee break, I have the feeling that I have missed out on something—mainly a few minutes of informal fellowship with those with whom I am associated.

And yet, having cast my vote in favor of the coffee break, I would still have some reservations about it.

Think for a moment if you will about the average coffee break as we know it. What are the main topics of conversation?

Wouldn't you put people high on the list? The majority of us talk about people. But how do we talk about them?

Perhaps we should be guided by these lines:

"There is so much good in the worst of us

And so much bad in the best of us,

That it hardly becomes any of us
To speak ill of the rest of us—"

And then, don't we talk about things? After all we're human so naturally we talk about things.

But, during a coffee break, how long has it been since you have heard someone say, "I have an idea."

It has been said, "Until a man has been used by an idea he has not begun to accomplish great things."

Well, what kind of an idea?

If you are a doctor, it might be an idea for combating disease.

If you are a salesman, it might be an idea for selling your product.

If you are a writer, it might be an idea for a new story.

If you are a Christian, it might be an idea for witnessing to someone for Christ and the Christian way of life.

Let me illustrate. Not long ago a preacher in the western part of the United States went to call on a prospective member, a woman who had not been attending church, who had never been baptized, who, to the best of his knowledge, was not even church-minded. To his surprise, almost immediately after he had entered the home, she said, "I have been wanting to be baptized and come into the church."

When he looked amazed, she said, "this isn't a sudden decision."

(By HAROLD ROGERS)

ion. You see, my mother-in-law and I have coffee together several afternoons a week. Lately, she has been talking to me about making a commitment to Christ. I've liked what she has (I guess you'd call it a way of life); but, whatever it is, I'm ready to become a Christian and identify myself with the church."

A mother-in-law had an idea. She demonstrated with her life that she had something, some inner resources, and then she found a natural situation—over a cup of coffee—to talk with her daughter-in-law about the most important decision a person can make.

There is a second coffee break story which comes to mind.

A few years ago a preacher went to a new appointment. One of the first things he did was to check the membership rolls. Little by little, he managed to match names and faces. His was not a large

church, about 400 members, but there was the name of a man that troubled him.

Nearly everyone, it seemed, knew this man. He was a well-liked businessman. But everyone with whom the preacher talked said it was of no use to call on him. There had been a time when he came to church, but it had been so long ago, and he was so skillful at promising visitors that he would come back and then forgetting all about it, that everyone had given up.

With that discouraging background, the preacher began calling on the businessman. At first, he received the usual stock excuses for not attending church and promises to do better, but without any apparent results. The preacher didn't argue or condemn, but he was persistent. Every few days, in mid-morning or mid-afternoon, he would stop in at the businessman's office; and they would go out for coffee. Every day he prayed for that man by name, prayed that God would show him the way to give the right kind of witness. Always he

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE MEETS HERE



Airplane view of mile-high downtown Denver, Colorado, where the General Conference opens on April 27. The State capital is in the middle foreground. Its dome is covered with gold leaf from Colorado mines. Principal hotels, which are within easy walking distance of the Auditorium where the sessions will be held, are in right center of the photo.

An unprecedented demand for guest seats for the 1960 General Conference has swamped the committee with more than twice as many requests as there are

available places. The Rev. Dr. J. Otis Young, Chicago, chairman of the committee on seating arrangements for guests, said March 4 that he had received requests for more than 10,000 seats—more than twice the number of 4,300 seats allocated. "Every effort will be made to seat those who do not have tickets, on a first-come, first served basis," Dr. Young said, pointing out that a special section of 500 more seats will be made available and that ticket holders must be in their place 10 minutes after sessions begin or surrender the space to those waiting.

oke to God about the man be-
he spoke to the man about
ad.

Then, one day while they were
iving coffee, the businessman
d, "You'd really like to know
y I no longer come to church?"
The preacher said, "If you'd
re to tell me."

"Well," said the businessman,
m an alcoholic. Not many know
but I do; and I know that an
coholic has no place in church."
The preacher smiled—and he
n smile with his eyes as well
his mouth. "That's where you're
pr," he said. "Church is ex-
tly where you belong." And then
added, "Anytime you feel the
ed of a drink, call me. We'll
to the church together, and
ere at the altar we'll see the
ng through."

Now there have been some set-
backs, but there have been some
eat victories. The businessman
ll hasn't entirely licked his
blem, but at least he knows
at the preacher and the church
e in there with him shoulder
oulder helping him face up
the fight he has to make.

Now, let's do some arithmetic.
We spend twenty minutes a day
on coffee break, five days a week,
that is 100 minutes. Not counting
weekends and evenings with
ends, and allowing two weeks
on vacation, there are still 50
weeks. Well, 50 multiplied by 100
is 5000 minutes. Reduced, that is

approximately 83 hours of coffee
break time.

Here's an idea. Supposing—just
supposing that each one of us
would find someone who has
never made a commitment to
Christ. Supposing we would start
taking that person with us for
coffee. And supposing that every
day we prayed for him by name.
How long do you think it would
be before we would have the op-
portunity to say, "There is some-
thing I want to share with
you . . ."? And then we would
talk about Christ and Bible read-
ing and prayer and what it really
means to be a Christian.

I have an idea that it would
be one of the most worthwhile
experiences and experiments any-
one of us ever had. Our coffee
break would pay the biggest kind
of dividends.

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GLEE CLUB VISITS CHURCHES

St. Paul's, Tallahassee; First
Church, Lake City; First Church,
Bartow; the churches at Miami
Springs and Lake Flacid; River-
side, Miami; and Murray Hill,
Jacksonville; were Florida
churches visited by the Emory-
at-Oxford Glee Club during its
Spring tour last month.

Brazil Missionaries Home on Furlough

When Kenneth and Marjorie
Traxler, missionaries to Brazil,
and their 2 daughters arrived in
New Orleans on March 23 they
were met by his father and moth-
er, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Traxler of
Alachua.

Many activities have been
planned by the Alachua church
to welcome the Traxlers back
home but perhaps the greatest
surprise awaiting the missionary
family was a 2-bedroom masonry
house built for their use by the
elder Mr. Traxler on a lot im-
mediately adjoining his own prop-
erty. The entire church has been
interested in the project and the
ladies of the W.S.C.S. have held
showers to furnish the home.

Mr. Traxler, the local banker,
is a member of the official board
of the Alachua church and Mrs.
Traxler is president of the
W.S.C.S. and superintendent of
the Children's Division in the
Sunday School. Through Com-
munion offerings for Mission
Specials the Alachua Church has
contributed an average of \$500
per year for the last 3 years to
the Traxler Work Fund.

"The Parsonettes" Meet

The ministers' wives of the Mi-
ami District, "The Parsonettes",
met March 8th for a luncheon
honoring the retired ministers'
wives of the district. A St. Pat-
rick's Day theme was carried out
with centerpieces of large Irish
hats filled with mums, glads, and
bells of Shannon. Shamrock place
cards graced each plate. Hostesses
were Mrs. Edgar Blake, Mrs. W.
C. McGarity, and Mrs. Lewis
Head.

Orchid corsages were presented
to the special guests: Mrs. Maur-
ice Barrett, Mrs. H. G. Cowan,
Mrs. Blake, Mrs. J. H. Elder, Mrs.
James Gross, Mrs. W. E. Hark-
ness Mrs. Pearl Simpson, Mrs.
Bessie Clark, Mrs. A. A. Hagler,
and Mrs. Stevenson. The sponsor
Mrs. P. M. Boyd, was also pre-
sented with a corsage.

The program was presented by
Mrs. Mario Alfonso. A nominating
committee was appointed and will
report at the next meeting, to be
held in April at the home of Mrs.
Boyd. Mrs. A. E. Fuviance is the
president of the Parsonettes.

MIAMI CONFERENCE PLANNERS



Pictured, left to right, are Mrs.
E. Buell, vice president of the
White Temple W.S.C.S.; Mrs.
David R. Thurman, vice president
of the Florida Conference of the
W.S.C.S.; and Mrs. Jack Graham,
vice president of the Miami Dis-
trict W.S.C.S. as they met recent-
ly to plan the luncheon of the
World Federation of Methodist

Women which will be held in the
New Everglades Hotel on Wednes-
day, April 20th, in connection with
the Annual Meeting of the Florida
Conference of the W.S.C.S.

Mrs. David J. Cathcart, presi-
dent of the Southeastern Juris-
diction of the W.S.C.S., will be
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TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING **Woman's Society of Christian Service** **and the** **Wesleyan Service Guild**

April 19, 20, and 21, 1960
 White Temple Methodist Church
 Miami, Florida

THEME
 "Maintain The Glow"

THEME HYMN
 "Let There Be Light" No. 477

Tuesday, April 19th

1:00 A.M.—Registration, New Everglades Hotel (Conference headquarters) Mezzanine floor. During the hours of registration, you are invited to;—
 The Chapel: White Temple Methodist Church—for prayer and meditation.
 Visit: The Literature Room—White Temple Methodist Church at your convenience.
 See: Audio visuals: Slides of our Florida projects.
 "Make All Things New"; a film on Deaconess service.

OPENING SESSION—TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. H. V. Weems, Presiding

(Doors will be closed promptly at four o'clock)
 4:00 P.M.—Hymn No. 477—"Let There Be Light"
 All four stanzas.
 Greetings and prayer by the Host Pastor — Dr. Harold E. Buell.
 Greetings from the Miami District—Dr. P. M. Boyd.
 Greetings from the Hostess District—Mrs. D. D. Richardson.
 Greetings from the Hostess Society—Mrs. William A. Black.
 Worship and Quiet Time—Mrs. J. Withers Blake and Mr. Philip J. Cartwright.

TUESDAY EVENING

Mrs. H. V. Weems, Presiding

7:20—Organ Prelude.
 7:30—Hymn No. 278—"Lead On, O king Eternal"—1st and 3rd stanzas.
 Evening Prayer—Mrs. Walter H. Beckham.



Mrs. Branscomb

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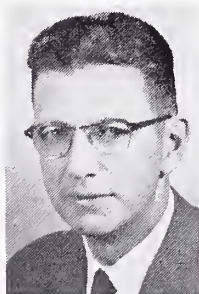
FELLOWSHIP HOUR in the Garden at TRINITY CHURCH.

Wednesday Morning, April 20th

Mrs. H. V. Weems, Presiding

8:50—Organ Prelude.
 9:00—Hymn No. 114 "Light of the World". First and second stanzas.
 9:05—Morning Meditation—Mrs. J. Withers Blake.
 9:16—Special music—Mr. Philip J. Cartwright.

9:20—Business Session.
 9:25—The President's Message—"Go Ye And Maintain the Glow"—Mrs. H. V. Weems.
 9:55—Special Music—Mr. Philip J. Cartwright.
 10:00—Reports of the District Presidents—
 Gainesville District—Mrs. Maxie B. Lowe.
 Jacksonville District—Mrs. Ralph E. Perkins.
 Lakeland District—Mrs. Earle Rabb.
 Miami District—Mrs. D. D. Richardson.
 Orlando District—Mrs. Howard Anderson.
 St. Petersburg District—Mrs. Grady R. Swope.
 Sarasota District—Mrs. R. E. Kurtz.
 Tallahassee District—Mrs. J. B. Davis.
 Tampa District—Mrs. Raymond S. White.
 West Palm Beach District—Mrs. E. S. Huber.
 10:30—INTERMISSION
 10:50—Hymn No. 487—"The Morning Light is Breaking"—first stanza.
 10:55—Appointment of Conference Committees:
 Report of the Vice-president—Mrs. David R. Thurman.
 Report of Recording Secretary—Mrs. Claude Neet.
 Report of the Treasurer—Mrs. Leroy Schoch.
 11:10—Introductions
 Recognition of Local Chairman and local committees,
 Recognition of Scholarship Girls:
 Daisy Harris from the Miami District—Clark College, Atlanta, Ga.
 Dorothy Bacon from the Sarasota District—Bennett College, Greensboro, N.C.
 Verda Mae Sparks from Tallahassee District—Paine College, Augusta, Ga.
 11:23—Greetings from The United Church Women of Florida—Mrs. Alfred Lexow.
 Greetings from The Central Jurisdiction—Mrs. S. D. Bankston.
 11:27—Reports:
 Secretary of Children's Work—Mrs. Hubert Bussard.
 Secretary of Youth Work—Mrs. Leroy Northrup.
 Secretary of Student Work—Mrs. J. Ben Stalvey.
 Secretary of Missionary Personnel—Mrs. Geo. W. Bohannon.



Thrift

11:40—Report of the White House Conference on Children and Youth.
 11:50—Courtesies—Mrs. C. Durward Johnson.
 12 Noon—Special music—Mr. Philip J. Cartwright.
 12:05—Noontime Message—Dr. Charles T. Thrift.
 Benediction
 1:15—WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN—Luncheon—New Everglades Hotel.
 Presiding—Mrs. David R. Thurman.

Speaker—"We Witness To-gether"—Mrs. David Cathcart.
 3:00—An optional tour to Biscayne Manor, Miami Latin Center and Wesley Foundation at The University of Miami.
 6:00 P.M.—Dinner for District Presidents—Miami Latin Center.
 Dinner for Conference Officers and Secretaries of lines of work with District Officers and Secretaries of lines of work—Trinity Methodist Church.

Wednesday evening, April 20th

7:20—Organ prelude.
 7:30—Hymn No. 477 "Let There be Light"—3rd and 4th stanza.

Evening Prayer—Dr. Joe A. Tolle.
Conference offering
Offertory
Pledge Service—Mrs. W. Leroy Schoch.
Special Music—Mr. Philip J. Cartwright.
Address—"Maintaining the Glow in Taiwan"
Mrs. Ralph A. Ward.
Closing Prayer—The Rev. Mr. Lloyd J. Lowe.

Thursday morning, April 21

7:50—Organ Prelude
8:00—HOLY COMMUNION. Doors will close promptly at eight o'clock. Conducted by Dr. Harold E. Buell, assisted by local ministers in the Miami District as follows:

Dr. Harold E. Buell	Rev. Roland Van Zant
Rev. A. R. Charlesworth	Rev. A. E. Purviance
Dr. Lewis N. Head	Rev. Donald M. Mackay
Rev. G. D. Haley	Rev. L. E. Rabb
Rev. G. N. Craig	Rev. H. E. Murphy
Rev. Orville Nelson	Rev. R. B. Huston
Rev. William T. Blair	Rev. W. R. Finklea
Rev. H. M. Felton	Rev. Felix Morales
Rev. Uel Dixon	Rev. J. T. Adams, Jr.
Rev. H. A. Bain, Sr.	Dr. Joe A. Tolle
Rev. J. C. Rowan	Rev. Joe Clark
Rev. J. E. Crawley	Rev. W. L. Joyner

9:30—Business Session—Mrs. H. V. Weems, presiding.

Congregational Singing, led by Mr. Philip J. Cartwright.

9:45—Reports
Secretary of Spiritual Life—Mrs. J. Withers Blake.
Secretary of Literature and Publications—Mrs. R. E. Lassiter.
Secretary of Supply Work—Mrs. Allen Watson.
Secretary of Status of Women—Mrs. C. Durward Johnson.
Committee on By-laws

10:00—INTERMISSION

10:20—Hymn No. 162—"O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"—Stanza 1, 2 and 6.

10:25—Reports:
Secretary of Promotion—Mrs. Virgil Morgan.
Secretary of Christian Social Relations—Mrs. T. M. Rickards, Jr.
Secretary of Missionary Education—Mrs. Paul Stewart.
Secretary of Public Relations—Mrs. A. M. Elder.
Committee on nominations—Mrs. W. L. Tedder, Chairman.
Election of Officers.
Presentation of newly elected officers and secretaries of lines of work
Invitation for 1961 Annual Meeting.

11:45—Courtesies

11:55—Special Music—Mr. Philip J. Cartwright.

12:00—Noontime Message—Dr. Charles T. Thrift.

12:30—Benediction

12:45 P.M.—Luncheon for the Young Women of the Conference—New Everglades Hotel.

Presiding—Mrs. H. V. Weems.

Speaker—"Maintaining the Glow in Hongkong"—Mrs. Ralph A. Ward.

Song Leader—Miss Polly Lassiter.

Blessing—Miss Dorothea Reid.
Honored Guests will be Representatives from our District projects.

Thursday afternoon, April 21

Mrs. H. V. Weems, Presiding

2:05—Organ Prelude

2:15—Hymn No. 209—"Amazing Grace"—all stanzas.

Prayer—Mrs. A. R. Ivey.

2:20—Presentation of Special Memberships—Mrs. David R. Thurman.

3:00—Christian Vocations—The Rev. Mr. Thomas G. Mitchell, Florida Conference Chairman of the Commission.

3:10—CLINICS in all lines of work, conducted by the Conference Officers and Secretaries of Lines of work.

4:30—Adjourn from the Clinics.

6:00 P.M.—WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD DINNER
New Everglades Hotel.

Presiding—Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy.

Speaker—The Rev. Mr. Thomas G. Mitchell.

THURSDAY EVENING

Mrs. H. V. Weems, Presiding

7:50—Organ Prelude

8:00—Hymn No. 173—"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"—All stanzas.

Evening Meditation—Mrs. Thelma Dame-wood.

Report of The Wesleyan Service Guild—Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy.

8:18—Committee reports—
Committee on Committees

Courtesy

Registration

Resolutions

Message in Song—Mr. Philip J. Cartwright.

9:00—Installation of Officers and Prayer of Dedication—Mrs. David J. Cathcart.

The Lord's Prayer by Malotte—Mr. Philip J. Cartwright.

Official Adjournment.

SPEAKERS AND GUESTS

Dr. Charles T. Thrift, President Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida.

Mr. Philip J. Cartwright, Soloist, Milburn, N.J.

The Rev. Mr. Thomas G. Mitchell, Chairman of Christian Vocations Florida Conference, Lakeland, Florida.

Dr. Joe A. Tolle, Minister at Trinity Methodist Church, Miami, Florida.

The Rev. Mr. Lloyd J. Lowe, Assistant minister White Temple Methodist Church, Miami, Florida.

Mrs. Ralph A. Ward, Hendersonville, N.C.—widow of the late Bishop Ralph A. Ward. They both have spent many years in China. Mrs. Ward expects to return to Taiwan late in summer of 1960.

Mrs. David J. Cathcart, President of S.E. Jurisdiction Woman's Society, Lakeland, Florida.

Mrs. John W. Branscomb, Jacksonville, Florida.

Mrs. Walter Beckham, member of the Board of Missions, Miami, Florida.

Mrs. Alfred Lexow, President United Church Women of Florida, Hollywood, Florida.

Mrs. S. D. Bankston, Central Jurisdiction.

Miss Dorothea Reid, Representative of Deaconess Association, Tampa, Florida.

Miss Polly Lassiter, Rural Worker for West Florida under The Woman's Division, Perry, Florida.



Cartwright

n Everything Give Thanks . . .

For twenty years I have presided over the sessions of this Board and watched gallant gentlemen and gracious ladies come to the hour of their retirement. Now that time has arrived for me. I would be more or less than what I am if lovely memories, overwhelming appreciation and solemn thoughts did not crowd into my mind and heart. I admit quickly that I do not know how to put together any combination of words which adequately express my sincere appreciation of all the lovely and undeserved things which have been said here today. A line from the Book of Common Prayer comes to my mind: "The least of which I neither merit nor deserve." As the years lengthen and I am permitted to have some days of quietness, the memory of this day and you dear friends will brighten the flame of thanksgiving upon the altar of my heart. Thank you, one and all.

When one comes to speak on an occasion like this he works under severe limitations. Naturally I am tempted to grow historical and recite some of the stirring events associated with the organization and progress of this Board. But all that can be told at a later time.

As I lay down my official responsibilities, how can I refrain from calling the names of illustrious men and women who by their faith and fidelity made the unity and progress of this Board possible? I see them—a great company of deeply devoted servants of our Lord. Many of them bide to bless us with their presence and prayers. Many have passed through the gates eternal and heard their Saviour say, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

To sever my official ties with this Board is not a pleasant experience. I have loved and served too long to say goodbye without some pain in my heart. However, I have never been an advocate of a religion that glorifies the past or faces the future with fear. No man has a right to call himself an optimist who has not looked into the deep abyss of the world's agony and hammered out upon the anvil of his faith an unmastering conviction that the church is deathless. This Board blessed with a large group of men and women with far greater gifts than I ever possessed and under their inspired leadership the Board is yet to see its finest hour. Wherever I am, I will be watching.

With these words of grateful remembrance, I turn now to some very personal words of testimony and exhortation.

(Note: This is the address Bishop Arthur J. Moore gave at Buck Hill Falls at the time of the ceremonies in connection with his coming retirement as president of the Board of Missions).



BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE
Retires as President of the Board
of Missions of the Methodist
Church

The Sacred Scriptures exhort us to live in a mood of thankfulness. "In everything give thanks." This last year has been so full of blessed anniversaries for me that I find it easy to obey this injunction. A half century ago I walked down the aisle of the First Methodist Church in Waycross Georgia, and was greeted by the measureless mercy of a divine Saviour, and the tender guiding ministry of the Church. Soon thereafter I heard His voice saying, "Whom shall I send?" and I said, "Here am I, send me." In the autumn of that same year, I was admitted into the membership of the South Georgia Annual Conference. For fifty golden years this dear Methodist Church has given me opportunities and honors which I have neither merited nor deserved.

As I have approached this hour of retirement, I have been made to feel that I should pause and thank God for His mercy; adore Christ as my Saviour; remember with gratitude the fellowship of the Church; think again of dear and rewarding friends; yea! recall all the songs and tears which have come with the passing of the years. Someone has said, "We are not tall enough to look over the rim of our yesterdays."

That may be true, but from where I stand a whole panorama of unmerited blessings unfold before my grateful eyes. Of late I have been calling the names of dear companions of the way—friends of a lifetime—and as I have done so, I have dwelt on their names lovingly.

Humbly I can say that every task assigned to me by the Church has been accepted with gladness. Work has never been a grievance for me. I have tried honestly to earn my wage, to labor not from compulsion but by glad choice. Since the day when I met the Master face to face, I have believed that life was intended not for leisuring but for laboring. I have gone to my assignments, whether at home or in far and distant places with cheerfulness. My heart has known a sweeter hymn than my voice has ever been able to express. Temporary defeats and hardships—and I have known a few—now seem trivial because I believe God has a plan for my life, and that He is not a careless spectator, but is a divine Friend, and my helper in every time of need. I have never felt that I was engaged in a battle that might be lost, but rather that I was in the service of the King triumphant.

This is the seventy-first year of my life and the fifty-first of my ministry. So many things have been done by generous friends to mark these anniversaries in my life and ministry. I bow in gratitude for them all. I do not know how to frame adequate words of appreciation, but it will all be engraved on the recollection of my heart.

For these fifty years the preaching of the unsearchable riches of Christ has been my highest joy and my most sacred task. I have yet to find a combination of words which fully express the deep convictions of my heart concerning Christ. These years in the Christian ministry have been for me a happy experience. The optimism and daring of youth have given way to settled and satisfying faith of more mature years, but Christ has continued to monopolize the sky of my life, and the passing of the years has brought deeper knowledge of His presence and power. I am fully convinced that, apart from Christ, the world lies in darkness and despair and that only in Him can men find salvation, sanity, safety or satisfaction. He alone has the solution of the world's problems. If the fondest dreams and the highest hopes of mankind are ever fulfilled, it will be in obedience to His will.

The Discipline uses a quaint phrase concerning the retirement of Bishops. It goes like this, "Released from the obligation to tra-

vel." What a wealth of meaning is contained in that sentence. It suggests so much. I suppose I will not fully understand what it means until I have tried it. Different people contemplate retirement in different ways—Some think of it as life in a rocking chair, with feet permanently propped up before a warm fire. I do not. To be honest, I do relish some release from the marching orders under which I have gone for many years. It will be a satisfaction to be free from the incessant and straining demands of administrative duties. To have more time with my family, to walk in a garden, read more good books, and gaze sometimes at cloudless skies. But I realize that there is danger in such lovely and leisurely contemplations as these. I fear that without some job to do I would not be completely happy. When I am honorably released from my administrative responsibilities I plan to devote much of my time to some crusades of evangelism. I would like to finish my ministry, confronting men with the claims and challenge of Christ.

Long since I decided what kind of preacher I wanted to be. Like all my ideals this one has outrun my accomplishments but the ideal has burned steadily before the eyes of my soul for more than a half century. I want my preaching to always deal with the central certainties of our faith. I would like to be the messenger of the good news of the gospel. Good news about the goodness and mercy of God; good news about the Saviour and His power to forgive sin, and vanquish guilt; good news about the triumph of righteousness and the coming of the Kingdom of God in the earth; good news about the transfigurations of sorrow and the withering of the bitter roots of anxiety and care; good news about the stingless death and the triumphant certainty of life after death.

I am surprised that more than a half century has slipped by since in early manhood I committed my life to Christ and this dear Methodist Church. Sooner or later, life puts upon the noses of all of us a pair of spectacles and when we look through them a rosy coloring seems to be in the lenses. That has happened to me. Life in retrospect, appears to me even more beautiful than it did in my yesterdays. These twenty years with this Board of Missions have been golden years. Between the hour of my election on that day in Chicago in 1940 and this day of retirement in 1960 stretch wonderful years filled with happy privileges, staggering responsibilities and an innumerable company of rewarding friends. The emotions of my heart, as I face

To Address Woman's Society Conference

Mrs. Ralph A. Ward, widow of Bishop Ralph A. Ward who died in Hong Kong in December, 1958,



Mrs. Ralph A. Ward

while serving as the Bishop of the Hong Kong Area, will be the principal speaker at the Annual Meeting of the W.S.C.S. being held in White Temple, Miami, April 19-21, on the night of Wednesday, April 20. Her subject will be "Maintaining the Glow in Taiwan." Mrs. Ward, who now lives in Hendersonville, N.C., spent many years in China with her late husband and she expects to return to Taiwan in the late summer of this year.

Mrs. Ward will also address the luncheon for the young women of the Conference which will be held at the New Everglades Hotel on Thursday, April 21. Her subject at that time will be "Maintaining the Glow in Hong Kong."

retirement, are like those aroused by looking through an old album of photographs, every page of which recalls happy days and cherished friends. God's mercy has beleaguered my life and the Church has honored me beyond any merit I have possessed. To have had fellowship with those who have served on the Board has helped me to walk with stronger faith, braver step and larger hope than I ever could have known had I walked alone. Life has been good to me and I shall thankfully accept as many years as God gives me—and I shall not be distressed when God calls me home.

Since the hour of my conversion, I have really been a missionary, at heart. When I sit down to count my blessings—to name them one by one—I am convinced that the highest honor the Church

has accorded me is to have had some small part in the Christian missionary enterprise. I have seen it tested in the crucible of friendly research and vigorous opposition, but it remains the most notable outpouring of love and life for others the world has ever witnessed. There are literally millions of men and women in the earth who are freer, better and happier because the Church has taken seriously our Lord's command to preach the gospel to the whole creation. I shall not say that I have fought a good fight. I hope my course is not quite finished but with humility I do claim to have kept the faith. To have known and labored alongside the missionaries of our Church has been the most rewarding experience of my life. This army of devout, hopeful and sacrificial men and women who live to bring in the kingdom is the most courageous and gallant company I ever met. Through them multitudes have found Christian faith and the beginnings of a new life with God. They are all my cherished friends and I am humbly and profoundly grateful for the privilege of having labored with them.

My prayer for those of you who make up the membership of this Board, both now and in the future is that you may keep the banners of faith flying so high that others may be made brave, and come to stand at your side. To do so you must bend your strength to the cultivation of the deep places of the soul. You must practice a Christianity so effectively and redemptively in contact with the agony of our times that men cannot but say in their hearts, "Here is hope; here is salvation." "Wherefore my beloved, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

My last word is this. God hath set the eternal in our hearts. He makes the seen and unseen one. He bridges the gulf between a world that now is and a world of abiding beauty. We are neither guests of a night, nor captives of a cruel world, but children in the family of God. That broken sepulcher in Joseph's garden assures us that God set the light of immortality in our hearts and not even death can put it out. So I take my appointed way with Him in quietness and confidence knowing that I do not walk alone because He, the triumphant Lord has said, "Lo! I am with you even to the end of the age."

"Some evening when the day is gold,
Nor pause, nor heed, 'til I behold,
I'll follow day into the west,
The happy, happy hills of rest."

First Church, Cocoa, Occupies New Buildings



The building program at First Church, Cocoa, began in 1956 when the Rev. J. E. Bartlett and his congregation set as a goal \$100,000 for a new sanctuary to be built on the site of the old church in downtown Cocoa. This goal was realized but with the planning came the realization of the need for more space. Accordingly, a 3-acre site on U.S. Highway No. 1 was secured and plans were changed to build a complete church plant. The Educational Building and Fellowship Hall are now in use.

In May, 1959, bonds were sold totaling \$120,000 and first services were held in the new plant on December 6, 1959. Sunday, January 31, 1960, was the Day of Consecration.

The new facilities provide 24 large Sunday School rooms which

will accommodate 4 times the number that could be served in the old church. The Fellowship Hall comfortably seats 450 persons and the Chapel, which houses the Junior Church on Sunday mornings and the M.Y.F. at Sunday School time and at night, is a thing of beauty.

In the past 4 years, under the leadership of the Rev. James E. Bartlett, the membership of First Church has grown from 550 to more than 1,250 and the budget has been increased from \$18,000 to \$65,000.

While carrying on this ambitious building program this past year, the church has also been building a \$5,000 church in Pilon, Cuba, and has financed 8 other Mission Specials. A new parsonage for the associate minister also has been purchased this year.



LAYMEN Bear Witness to their FAITH

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M. Y. F. Corner

A Youth Deputation Team from the Wesley Foundation at the University of Florida conducted a workshop for the MYFs and led an evening service at Cross City on March 13th.

M.Y.F. members at First Church, Tampa, served a pancake supper recently to help meet their M.Y. and pledge.

David Harden, a student at Okeechobee High School who spent last year in Austria as an exchange student, showed pictures and spoke when the M.Y.F. sub-district met in Okeechobee in February.

Mrs. Joe Brown Love and 10 Methodist student actors and actresses from the Wesley Foundation at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, conducted a Sub-District MYF Drama Workshop at First Church, St. Petersburg last month.

Mr. James M. McIntyre, former president of the Conference MYF, preached in his old home church in New Port Richey on March 13.

The members of the Senior MYF of First Church, Dade City, met at 7 A.M. for breakfast each Wednesday during Lent to discuss their project book before going to school.

Men at Work

Dr. Harry Denman was the speaker in Jacksonville on March 11 when Jacksonville Methodists 1,000 strong gathered at Riverside Park Church for a Laymen's Rally.

Boy Scouts presented the program for the March dinner meeting of the Methodist Men of Morrison Memorial Church, Leesburg.

The Clearwater Chapter of SPFSQSA (Barber Shop Quartet singers to you and me) presented the program at the March meeting of Methodist Men at First Church, Clearwater.

Crockett Farnell, Hillsborough County Superintendent of Public Instruction, was speaker at a recent meeting of Methodist Men of Hyde Park Church, Tampa.

Dr. George Foster of Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale, was the Men's Club speaker at First Church, Lakeland, when that Club observed Ladies' Night last month.

Mr. Howard Anderson of the Florida Presbyterian College was the Men's Club speaker at First Church, St. Petersburg, last month.

Conference Lay Leader R. H. Berg was a recent speaker to Methodist Men in Okeechobee.

GLEANINGS FROM HERE and THERE

A wild turkey dinner prepared recently by the W.S.C.S., using wild turkeys given by some of the men, brought gifts and pledges for air-conditioning the sanctuary at Okeechobee. It has also been announced that the new Church School Annex will be dedicated at the time of the Quarterly Conference this month.

New hymnals were dedicated at a recent Sunday morning service at First Church, Tampa.

First Church, Clermont, has approved a \$175,000 bond issue to finance the new building program.

The members and families of the International Railway Association were special guests at First Church, St. Petersburg, on the night of March 13th. This was the 23rd annual service of this nature.

An enrollment of 91 and an average attendance of 63 marked the First School of Missions to be held at First Church, Avon Park. Classes were provided for all age groups.

Hyde Park, Tampa, was host to the city-wide preaching mission March 7-11 sponsored by the Tampa Ministers Association. Dr. Perry Gresham, president of Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va., was speaker.

Late last month the folks at Lealman Church, St. Petersburg, held a mid-week "Home-coming Party and Covered Dish Dinner" for winter visitors and friends of the church who are beginning to return to their homes.

The Fidelis Class of First Church, Okeechobee, has "adopted" a Chinese girl as its project. Financial support is sent monthly and gifts on special occasions.

Snyder Memorial Church in downtown Jacksonville is again housing the noonday Pre-Easter services held annually by the Jacksonville Ministerial Alliance, a service this fine church has great joy in rendering.

The Ruskin church is using Lenten self-denial folders to collect dimes for the Tampa District church extension program and for Wesley Foundations in Florida.

Dr. Laurie G. Ray of Hyde Park, Tampa, was the speaker at a dinner launching a campaign for funds for a new educational building at White Temple, Miami, last

month. White Temple pastor, Dr. Harold E. Buell, reports that the church is seeking \$140,000 for this greatly needed facility.

Members of the Pittsburgh Sunshine Social Club were special guests at a service at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, on March 13th.

The Rev. Frank A. Campbell, retired Presbyterian minister from Illinois, was guest preacher on Visitor's Day at the Ruskin church. 135 visitors were present representing 16 states.

The Florida Southern College Choir sang a concert at First Church, St. Petersburg, on the night of March 20th.

Twelve Church School teachers from Okeechobee completed the courses offered at the training school held at the First Church in Fort Pierce, in January.

Groups from the Lealman Church, St. Petersburg, have visited the Leesburg Youth Camp and the Florida Methodist Children's Home at Enterprise thus far in a series of visits to the state's Methodist institutions.

Woman's Society members of Bayshore and Manhattan Avenue churches in Tampa cooperated to present a program on Africa recently on a Sunday evening.

First Church, St. Petersburg, held its annual "All States Night and Roll Call of the States" on March 27th.

Conference Preacher

The 118th session of the Florida Annual Conference will con-



Dr. William R. Cannon

vene at 4:00 P.M. on Monday, June 6, 1960, at the First Methodist Church of Lakeland. It will

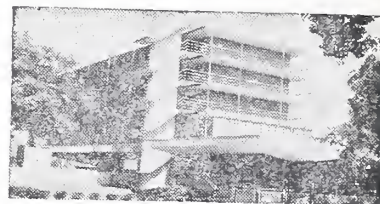
close at noon on Friday, June 10th.

Dr. William R. Cannon, dean of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, will be the conference preacher and a number of other leaders of the Church will be heard at the proper times throughout the Conference as they present various emphases of the work of the Church. Dr. Cannon will speak at 11:45 a.m. each day, Tuesday through Thursday.

The evening services are tentatively planned as follows: Monday, the Conference memorial service and the Holy Communion; Tuesday, the Anniversary Service for the Board of Evangelism and the Board of Missions. It is likely that Bishop Moore will deliver the address combining the interests of these two major Boards. Wednesday will be observed as Youth Night. Thursday will bring the program of the Board of Lay Activities.

A Conference held between Sundays is itself an innovation for the Florida Conference and there will be many other new and interesting features in connection with this session which will usher in the work of a new quadrennium.

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Dr. Hurst Robins Anderson,
resident of The American Uni-



Dr. Arthur James Armstrong

ersity, Wsahington, D. C., de-
vered the main address at Flor-
a Southern College's Diamond
ubilee Convocation Thursday
orning, March 13 in the Annie
eiffer Chapel.

On hand was Christine McGuire
the famed singing trio, The
McGuire Sisters, who received
pecial recognition along with
ev. Arthur James Armstrong,
pastor of the Broadway Methodist
church, Indianapolis, Ind., and
rs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson,
Dunedin, former chairman of
he Florida Southern Advisory
ommission.

The convocation came in the
iddle of a festive week, cele-
rating the college's and the city
Lakeland's 75th anniversary.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Dr.
Anderson has been president of
the American University for eight
ears. Before his appointment at
he University, he served as presi-
ent of Centenary Junior College
nd Hamline University, respec-
tively.

Named for the founder of The
merican University, Bishop John
letcher Hurst, Dr. Anderson is
egarded as one of the outstand-
ng Methodist church laymen in
he country.

He was recognized accordingly
st year when he received the
outstanding Layman's Award for
he District of Columbia.

He is also known for his edu-
ational and civic activities. His
ame appears in Who's Who in
merica, Who's Who in the East
ho's Who in the Western Hemi-
sphere, and in the Social Regis-
ter.

Preceding the convocation was

the dedication of the Frank
Lloyd Wright Memorial, situated
adjacent to the Annie Pfeiffer
Chapel, the first of 11 Florida
Southern Buildings designed by
the genius architect.

The entire day was given over
to the alumni who were revisiting
the campus from throughout the
country.

The former students lunched
with the underclassmen and fol-
lowing guided tours of the campus
and a special coffee hour spon-
sored by the Polk County Chapter,
took part in the dedication of an
Alumni President's plaque at the
E. T. Roux Library.

At 6:30 p.m., the annual alumni
banquet was held at the college
cafeteria with former Florida
Southern president Dr. Ludd M.
Spivey and Mrs. Spivey as guests
of honor.

The Revival Circuit

The Rev. H. O. Boyette of First
Church, Starke, was the revival
preacher for the Rev. Duane Meier
at Kendrick last month.

The Rev. Phil Padgett of the
Polk County Christian Action
League; the Rev. M. A. Shaw, pas-
tor at Mulberry; the Rev. R. E.
Ackenhusen, pastor at First
Church, Plant City; the Rev. C.
H. Voss, Florida Conference
Treasurer; and the Rev. D. J.
Cathcart, executive secretary of
the Conference Board of Educa-
tion; have been the speakers at
a series of Lenten Vespers con-
ducted by the Rev. Owen C. Dris-
kell at Trinity, Lakeland.

The Rev. Chales Thompson and
Mr. Charles L. Selph, both of
Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven,
were preacher and song leader,
respectively, in services held at
First Church, Ft. Meade, last
month.

Dr. Leonard Cochran of the
South Georgia Conference and
Song Leader Bill Mann led a re-
vival at First Church, Tampa,
March 20-25.

The Old Timer



"When a woman suffers in
silence, it probably means her
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also new covers for the altar and
a pair of brass candlesticks, a
gift from Mrs. F. Kirsshman and
Mrs. Joe Tilden.

The parking area also has been
filled in and graded and the ap-
pearance of the entire property
has been greatly enhanced.

James Lewis, Donald Gillis, and
J. D. Malphurs were elected presi-
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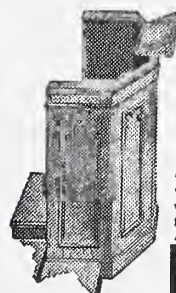
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Services in New Church

A long-held dream of Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg, was realized March 13 when



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the first service was held in the new sanctuary. Of unusual, functional design, the building preserves the indoor-outdoor type of worship for which the church has long been famous.

The opening service was a milestone in the ministry of Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton who is completing his 31st year at this church. More than 8,000 persons attended the service in contrast to the 37 persons who were on hand when Dr. Hamilton preached his first sermon to this congregation.

Text for the sermon in the new sanctuary was from the Psalms, "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place, O Lord of Hosts!" Dr. Hamilton described the various reasons why the Psalmist felt this way about his place of worship.

The new sanctuary seats 2,000 persons and has glass walls so that many additional persons may sit outside and view the service as they hear it over the public address system.

Consecration of the new sanctuary took place March 13 with Bishop Arthur J. Moore preaching and leading the service. His topic was "The Redemptive Mission of the Church."

The cost of the new building is \$750,000 including the furnishings. The new pipe organ, a gift of Mr. Henry F. J. Knobloch and the late Mrs. Knobloch, will be dedicated May 15.

First concert on the organ will be given April 7 by Virgil Fox of Riverside Church, New York City.

Rev. Walter B. Rutland, Rev. Walter G. Gray, and Rev. Henry Koestline are associate ministers of this church.

MRS. ELLEN BOGGS

A further word about Mrs. Ellen Boggs, mother of the Rev. Robert C. Boggs, who passed away several weeks ago. A member of First Church, Orlando, for 36 years, she was known and loved by a great many of the ministers and laymen throughout the state.

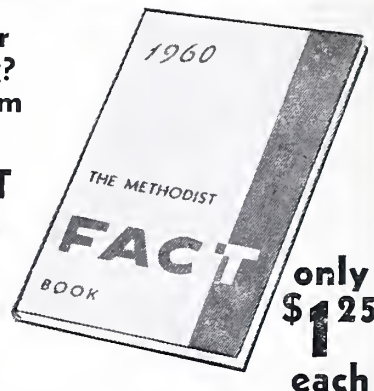
Although Mrs. Boggs had suf-

fered from a heart condition for several months, she was actually sick only about two weeks. She was with her son and his family when the end came—"joking one moment, and the next at peace."

Dr. John G. Stradley conducted the services for Mrs. Boggs and she was laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery, Orlando.

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Purely Personal

Dr. J. H. Daniel and the Rev. H. Voss came to the rescue on port notice to conduct services First Church, Lakeland, when pastor, Dr. C. M. Cotton, was on a recent Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. Donald J. Walling and 2 young sons, the personage family at Trinity, Sarasota, announce the arrival of Violet Elena Walling on March 2nd, weighing 5 pounds, 9½ ounces.

The Rev. George B. Warren, pastor at Childs Park, St. Petersburg, has been showing motion pictures of the work of the Rev. Albert Floyd and his associates at the Isle of Pines, Cuba, where Warren was stationed during the recent Evangelistic Crusade in Cuba.

A. H. French, Lakeland District reporter for the Florida Methodist, "complains" that he doesn't have enough to do. Only a comparatively few churches in the district have put him on the mailing list to receive church bulletins, mid-week reminders, or special announcements. (His address P.O. Box 864, Lakeland.)

Rev. V. J. Ragsdale of Okeechobee accompanied the members of the high school band to New Orleans, where they participated in the Mardi Gras parades. Rev. Ragsdale was impressed by the propriety of the youngsters and commended them for their good behavior as well as for their creditable showing.

The Rev. Martinez Gerardo, pastor at Baguanos, Oriente Province, Cuba, was a recent guest of the parents of Effie Lou Harter of Miami who is serving as short-term missionary in Cuba under the Woman's Division. Mr. Gerardo is Miss Hopper's pastor in Cuba.

The Rev. Allan R. Stuart, pastor, inaugurated a series of "Golden Age" services for Avon Park's senior citizens at First Church, Avon Park, on March 13. Clarence D. Marston was the guest minister.

AN FUND PAYMENTS AHEAD

Designated by the official board of the Alachua church to raise semi-annual installments of \$30 each on the church school building loan fund, Ernest Spencer, Jr. and Jimmy Swick have labored so effectively that they are now a payment and a half ahead of schedule with more than \$100 accounted for.

Important Notice to All Boards, Commissions, Committees, Etc., Required to Report To the Annual Conference

A committee has been appointed to receive and cause to be duplicated and bound into a single volume all of the reports of the Conference Boards, Commissions, etc., prior to the convening of the Conference on June 6th. The plan is to place this volume in the hands of each official member of the Conference at the opening of the session.

In order to accomplish this these reports should be in the hands of the Committee beginning not later than May 1st. Reports received later than May 15th cannot be included in the volume. **SINCE THERE IS NOT TIME TO WAIT UNTIL ALL OF THE REPORTS ARE IN TO BEGIN THE WORK ON THE BOOK. REPORTS WILL BE SENT TO THE PRINTER IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY ARE RECEIVED.** Thus, the earlier your reports are available—the better for all concerned.

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New Educational Building At Sarah Spencer, Tampa

The Sarah Spencer Memorial Church of Tampa has just opened its new educational building. The building has been named in honor of Mr. L. Chandler Howlett, a member of the congregation who has given more than 25 years of faithful service in the field of Christian Education in the local church.

The lower floor of the 2-story concrete block building provides quarters for the Children's Division and a Sunday School office. The second floor provides a Fellowship Hall which also houses the Youth Division. There is also a flood-lighted stage and a spacious and well equipped kitchen.

The new building has cost the congregation some \$69,000 thus far. The pastor, the Rev. A. G. Hardee, estimates that painting, heating and other work yet to be done will bring the final cost to approximately \$75,000.

The first activity in the building after the opening was a M.Y.F. talent show to raise funds for recreational equipment. They netted \$85 and uncovered a lot of hitherto undiscovered talent.

The Junaluska News Is Now Available

The 1960 edition of **The Junaluska News** is off the press and available to Methodists and others who desire a free copy.

The 12-page, illustrated magazine describes the program features scheduled at the Methodist Summer Assembly. A section also is devoted to the new buildings and homes and improvements to the assembly grounds.

Copies may be obtained by writing the Rev. J. W. Fowler, Jr., Superintendent, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

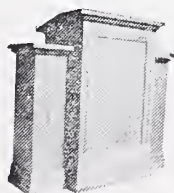
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A Mother Visits Her Missionary Daughters

Mrs. Minna Warren, mother of the Reverend George B. Warren, minister of Childs Park Church, St. Petersburg, embarked March 16th on the Queen Elizabeth for Kenya Colony, British East Africa, where her twin daughters and their husbands are missionaries among the tribes of central Kenya Colony near Nairobi. She will be gone approximately six months returning about the first of November.

The daughters, Mrs. Fay Sickler and Mrs. May Dodzweit, together with their husbands, have been in this area since 1945. They have established several schools near Nairobi. They have worked in the Evangelistic campaigns of T. J. Osborne. Their present activities include teaching in established missions and establishing new mission stations out from Nairobi.

Chaplain Says "Thanks"

The Rev. E. F. Mayton, chaplain at the Florida State Prison, Raiford, recently spoke at First Church, Gainesville, at Springfield, Jacksonville, to groups which responded generously to the need for Bibles, magazines, and other suitable literature for the prison. Also the WSCS at Morrison Memorial, Leesburg, has been thoughtful and responsive in this matter.

Chaplain Mayton states that there are 208 inmates of the prison who, by membership or denominational preference, are Methodists. He expresses his appreciation to all who have remembered his work and seeks the prayers of Florida Methodists for all of the inmates at Raiford and for himself.

ABOUT CANCER

This year, about 770,000 Americans will be under medical care for cancer, according to the American Society. Many of them will be saved because of advances made in diagnosis and treatment of the disease.

Out of every six deaths from all causes in the United States, one is caused by cancer, according to the American Cancer Society. Yet more people are being saved from cancer each year through early diagnosis and prompt treatment.

Cancer will strike in approximately two of three American families. The American Cancer Society says that the best protection against possible death from cancer is an annual health check-up.

BISHOP COORS DIES



Bishop D. Stanley Coors

Bishop Stanley Coors, 70, head of the church's Minnesota Area since his election to the episcopacy in 1952, died March 6 in his St. Paul home. He had been in poor health for some time and would have been retired this summer under the age limitation rule. As an outstanding Michigan pastor, he was elected to six General Conferences, heading the delegation five times. He was vice president of the Board of Temperance. He was a graduate of Albion College, with Phi Beta Kappa honors, and held degrees from Drew Theological Seminary and Columbia University.

Bishop Edwin E. Voigt of the Dakotas Area will administer the Minnesota Area until the North Central Jurisdictional Conference names a successor to Bishop Coors at its meeting in Grand Rapids, Mich., July 6-10. Bishop Charles W. Brashares of Chicago, president of the jurisdiction's College of Bishops, announced the selection of Bishop Voigt to fill the temporary vacancy. One of his duties will be to preside over the Minnesota Conference June 14-17.

Week of Dedication Committee at Work

CHICAGO—If a proposal approved in principle by the Methodist Church's Week of Dedication Committee successfully clears several other agencies, the Week of Dedication observance would be dropped from the church's calendar as a fund-raising program. It would become simply a time of spiritual emphasis. For a dozen years now the Week of Dedication has included both a spiritual and a financial phase.

In place of the Week of Dedication, Methodists would share in the One Great Hour of Sharing, an interdenominational program for raising money primarily for world relief. The Week of Dedication has included emergency building projects overseas and in the United States as well as relief funds.

According to the proposal, which will ultimately reach the 1960 General Conference, the denomination would be asked to observe the One Great Hour of Sharing, preferably on the fourth Sunday in Lent.

The offering taken that day in Methodist churches would be used to continue and expand the present Crusade Scholarship program, which has had a first claim on the Week of Dedication funds, would help overseas relief, and would aid a Servicemen's overseas fund.

Under the proposed plan, participating agencies which would administer Methodist funds given for One Great Hour of Sharing would be: the Board of Missions, for the Crusade Scholarship Fund; the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, for the overseas relief fund; and the World Division of the Board of Missions, for the Servicemen's Overseas Fund.

Dr. Marvin H. Harper, professor at the Candler School of Theology and a former missionary to India, preached at Ormond Beach in a special missionary service on March 6th.

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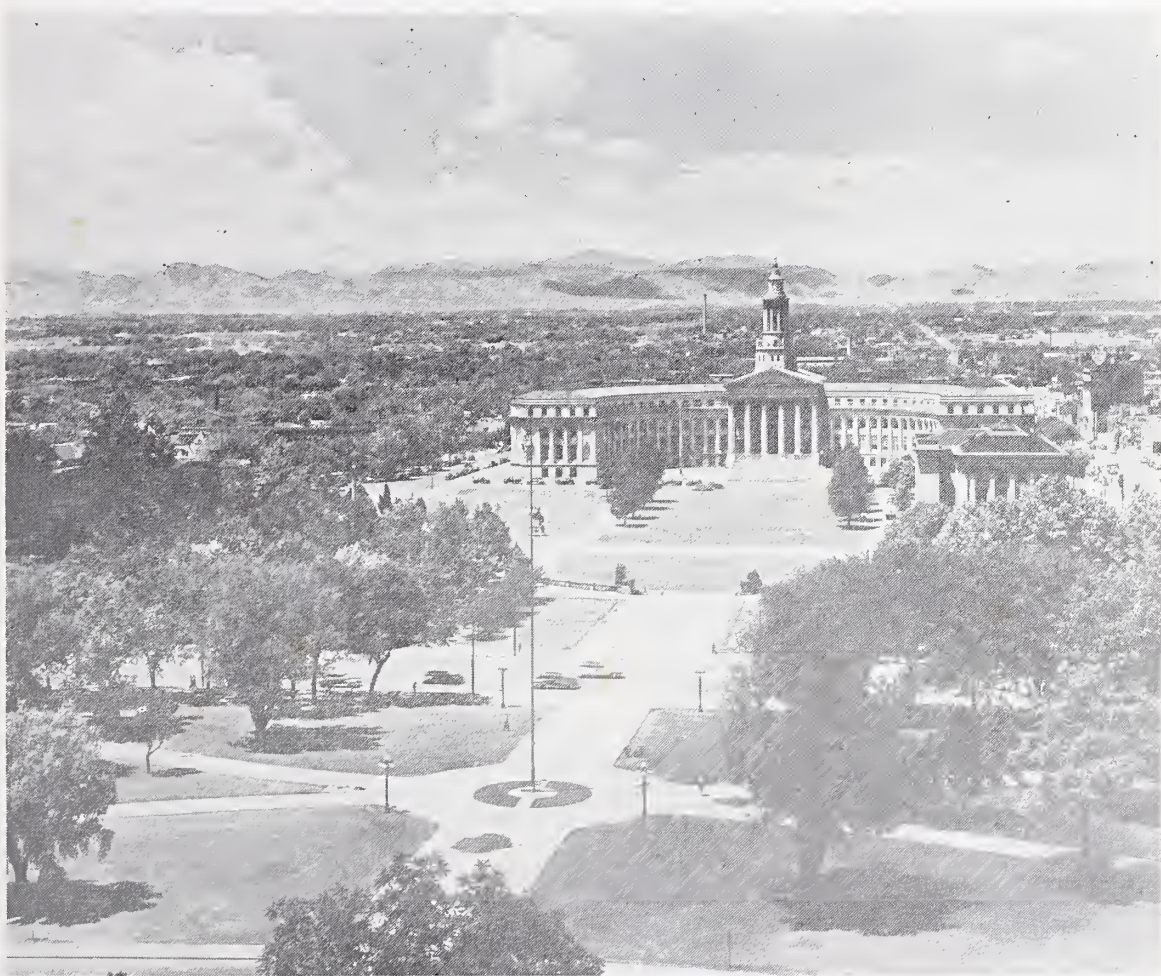
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Bishop Reports on Cuba . . .

By EDMUND WILLINGHAM
 Religious News Editor
 The Nashville Tennessean

NASHVILLE, TENN.—A wave of enthusiasm has flowed through the Protestant churches of Cuba since Fidel Castro came to power on New Year's Day of 1959, according to Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville.

Bishop Short administers Methodism's Cuba Conference, in addition to supervising the denomination's Nashville Area.

Sierra Maestra, where the revolution was born, is an isolated section of the island, he said. There were no roads, churches, schools, or medical centers.

"It was a section largely forgotten," he added, "by the rest of the country.

"But this was Castro's hideout. The revolution

was born there. Some even wanted to move the capital there."

He said the government's interest in the isolated area had been accompanied by Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist efforts to open the area for Christ.

Bishop Short recently returned from a two-week evangelistic mission to Cuba, serving as leader for two groups of 26 ministers.

During the mission they addressed 45,319 persons, of whom 1763 made their first decision for Christ. More than a thousand of those enrolled in church membership classes and if they become members, The Methodist Church in Cuba will have increased by about 10 per cent through one mission.

Bishop Short said:

"Many people in Cuba see hope for betterment in Castro's regime. This is especially true of the poorer people of the island. Their lot heretofore has been an exceedingly hard one. Now they feel that a government has come into power that really cares about them and has a program for them. Likewise, many idealistic persons who are not themselves among the very poor see in the revolutionary government a concern for the masses which they feel has been desperately needed for a long time.

"On the other hand, there are others who regard the regime with serious misgivings. This includes some property owners and businessmen, both large and small, but also other persons who find themselves reluctant to accept some of the policies of the new government which they regard as either not representing sound economics or good democratic practice.

"Up to the present, the government has offered no interference to our work as a church."

On February 22, Bishop Short and the cabinet of the Cuba Methodist Conference, together with some Methodist ministers from the states, were received by Cuban President Dorticos for an interview at the presidential palace.

The**YOUTHFUL ACCENT**

By HOOVER RUPERT

DECLINE AND FALL

Somewhere in your history course you must have come smack up against "The Decline and Fall of The Roman Empire," by Gibbon. It is not one of the latest books out, to be sure. It was written in 1787. That's long enough after the fall of Rome to warrant a little historical analysis! If you have looked at the book (or books) lately you may recall that Gibbon found five factors that accounted for the fall of the well-nigh invincible Roman Empire. These factors are so evident in our time that it is worth our notice here. Maybe their recitation will help us wake up as a nation and as a world. For certainly they are not confined to ancient Rome. We have them today.

1. "The rapid increase of divorce; the undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis of human society." That sounds about like a Mother's Day sermon, or a sociologist's analysis of American society

in 1960! And who can honestly refute the statement as a description of our home situation today. The break-up of the American home as the basic institution of society is one of the tragic elements in the current scene. Youth know only too well the price they must pay for their elders' sins in this regard.

2. "Higher and higher taxes and the spending of public monies for free bread and circuses for the populace." We all know about the taxes, the welfare funds that run into astronomical figures, and we even out-do Rome by paying farmers not to raise grain. As to free circuses, I guess we need only look in the direction of filibuster-bound Congressional halls filled with sleeping senators to see our modern form of circus and public entertainment at public expense—both in terms of dollars and moral values!

3. "The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting and more brutal." None can doubt that Americans are on the hunt for pleasure and enjoy all kinds of sports. This is not all bad. And we have made progress in getting away from brutality. But one wonders where this current sports-craze will end, what with plans for increased lei-

sure on the part of many Americans.

4. "The building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy was within, in the decadence of the people." Need one say the word "nuclear bomb tests" as merely a symbol of what America believes in real security? What of the spiritual values we should be pursuing and stock-piling to offset the decadence of our moral and spiritual scene?

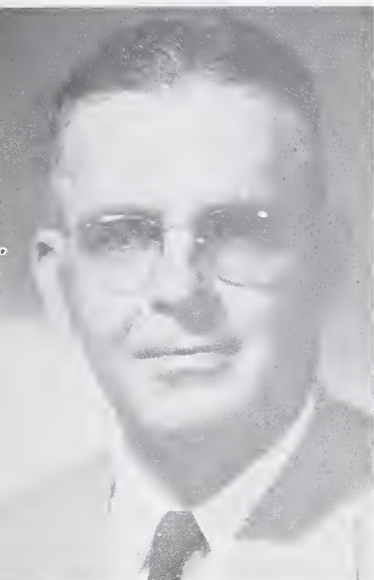
5. "The decay of religion—faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life and becoming impotent to warn and guide people." Even the most ardent churchman must face the reality of our day in this regard. This is always the temptation of the church today—to fade into more formality and convention. Such a church will never recruit youth for Kingdom building.

No moralizing is necessary. Let him with ears hear. Let him with eyes take a look. Let him with a conscience get busy in the Lord's work. And let all of us heed the words of the cold, clear call of history: "Wake up, America!"

The Rev. Thomas O. Chisholm, 93, author of 1,200 hymns and devotional verse, died March 2 at Ocean Grove, N.J.

These Will Represent the Florida Conference at Denver

Here are some of the laymen and ministers who have been elected delegates to the 6th General Conference of The Methodist Church which will be held April 27 - May 7 at Denver, Colorado. Other pictures will appear in the next issue of THE FLORIDA METHODIST.



DR. DON A. COOKE

Pastor of First Church, Bradenton. Dr. Cooke was a member of the General Conferences of 1952 and 1956. He is the secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and has been secretary of the Florida Annual Conference since 1935.



DR. HENRY W. BLACKBURN

District Superintendent of the West Palm Beach District. Dr. Blackburn was a member of the Uniting Conference in 1939 and was a member of the General Conferences of 1940, 1948, 1952 and 1956.



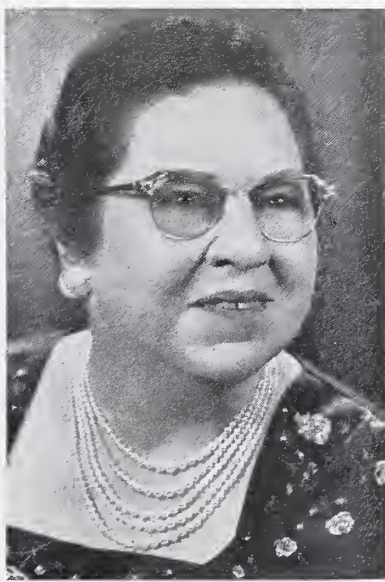
MR. R. H. BERG

of Melbourne, is the Conference Lay Leader. He was a member of the General Conference of 1952 and 1956 and is outstanding in field of Lay Activities at both the Jurisdictional and national level. He has been elected chairman of the Florida delegation to Denver.



MR. GLENN GOLD

Miami, District Lay Leader of the Miami District. Mr. Gold was also a member of the General Conference of 1956.



MRS. HOWARD V. WEEMS

of Sebring. Mrs. Weems is the president of the Florida Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the quadrennium just closing.



DR. E. J. PENDERGRASS

pastor of First Church, Orlando, since 1952. Dr. Pendergrass was also a member of the General Conferences of 1952 and 1956.

Christian Witness Mission in Cuba . . .

"The mighty explosion aboard the French ship, 'La Coubre,' . . . caused heavy loss of lives, many injured and mutilated, and extensive property damage . . . the horrible tragedy stunned the city.

"On Saturday afternoon the mass funeral was held. The day broke grey, cold and dreary as if in keeping with the mournful occasion. Even the sea was dark and angry. Whipped up by a cold norther it smashed in waves against the Malecon spraying its salty, penetrating dampness over the unhappy and shivering Haba-neros.

" . . . sad, silent and sullen, the people lined the streets along which the funeral procession slowly wound its way to the final resting grounds for those who perished in this greatest of disasters in Cuban history. The next of kin of the victims, their faces torn by grief, clung to each hearse in the procession, it being hard to tell whether they were pushing the carriages or being pulled by them. From balconies, here and there along the route, flowers fell silently upon the already flower-covered coffins. In the awful quietness, the tramp of marching feet was clearly—all too clearly—heard over the muffled drums of the military beat of a funeral march.

"This is a tragedy of the Cuban people, of the common people—dock workers, plain seamen, soldiers, firemen and police. Contingents of the Rebel Armed Forces and of the workers' and peasants' militia marched behind their dead comrades. To some it might seem they did not have the martial air and disciplined gait of the professional. Their plain and ill-fitting uniforms hung loosely from their bodies, lean and small in frame, stunted from years of chronic malnutrition. But they were grim and determined and seemed completely identified with the common grief of the common people from whence they mostly hailed. In spite of the breeze blowing, it was possible to detect in the air the unmistakable smell of the toilers of the glebe—the earthy, sweaty tang of the common man."

So goes the description, by Havana newsman Luis A. Sanjenis, of the terrible tragedy which recently killed or injured hundreds of people on that black Friday, March 4.

That week end had been set as Christian Witness Mission week end by the MYF of the Methodist Church at Santiago de las Vegas. It was to be the pilot witness mission for the Cuba conference. The date had been set well in advance. Olin Ivey, a contract teach-

By J. LLOYD KNOX
Pastor at Santiago de las Vegas



er at Candler College who is giving a year to missions before completing seminary at Emory, had

worked night and day preparing a visitation evangelism turn-o-ver



Norka Feijoo

chart for youth in Spanish. Norka Feijoo, conference director of youth work, had already arrived. Several prayer meetings had been held. Visitation cards were prepared. Teams for visitation had been set up. Recreation in the form of a fiesta had been planned for Friday evening as a kick-off rally for the mission.

The explosions occurred in the mid-afternoon, Friday, so by the

CHILDREN'S TV EXPERIMENT



TESTING CHILDREN'S TV FORMATS — Extensive research into comparative effectiveness of various formats for children's television programs is underway in the studios of The Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission at Nashville, Tennessee, in preparation for a new religious TV series for 9, 10, and 11 year olds scheduled to go on the air in 1961. In fact, Children's Television Series will have highest priority among various radio and television productions planned by

TRAFCO during the next four years. Shown in this experimental filming session in TRAFCO's Nashville studios, reading clockwise from Camera No. 1, are: Cameraman Ernest Allen; Discussion participants Peggy Fitzgerald, Janie Newsom, and Don Mullican—all from the Church School of Nashville's Crieewood Methodist Church; Film Editor Lyman White; Discussion Leader Robert C. Glazier; Cameraman Craig Faulkner, and Cameraman James C. Campbell.

me the youth gathered at the church the gravity of the situation was deeply felt. We were all grief-stricken to know that only even miles away hundreds of our fellow men were killed or wounded. Instead of a fiesta the youth gathered in the church to pray for the wounded and for the families of the dead.

After the prayer meeting we had to make a decision. There was some sentiment that the whole mission be postponed, but quickly the group affirmed its faith in a living God that doesn't desert us at the time of difficulty. It was further felt that surely this was the time in which Christians could best serve their neighbors and friends by assuring them of the presence of God even in time of terrible catastrophe.

The following morning, Saturday, was the first day of the three day national mourning period. Sixteen young people quietly assembled for instructions in preparation for going out to witness the sufficiency of Christ in their own lives. During Saturday morning, afternoon, and evening, and Sunday afternoon, these 16 went two by two into the homes of over 100 unchurched young people of Santiago.

They found people in deep shock. There was an air of futility and emptiness as it seemed the whole creation was aware of just how fragile and easily buffed-out human life can be. In every home young people and parents alike seemed hungry to hear good news of eternal things as they faced the reality of this temporary and insecure world. The young Christian visitors witnessed the spiritual power which God gives. They prayed with the families and lead many into a deeper understanding and discipleship. As a result of the visiting, eight young persons accepted Jesus Christ as Savior.

On Sunday morning and Sunday evening the church was full. Norka Feijoo preached two tremendous sermons. She is a profoundly moving preacher in anyone's language. Her finger is on the pulse of the thinking of the youth. In the morning she preached on Man's insufficiency without God. One well-remembered example is of the little Cuban girl who was stirring her "cafe-n-leche" (coffee with milk). The little girl stirred and tasted, stirred and tasted. Finally, she said: "Mommy, I've stirred and stirred this cafe-con-leche but it just won't make itself sweet." The other had neglected to put sugar in. This is the story of Man without God.

Sunday evening the vivacious young youth leader preached for 45 minutes to a hushed crowd

(and that's something in Cuba) on the subject of letting God use and make purposeful your life. Six more young people accepted Christ as a result of Norka's two sermons.

The entire church was spiritually revitalized, as well as the MYF. The spirit has swept through the student body at our Colegio Wesley, and 22 students in Wesley are now in membership training classes. Truly God has blessed the youth program of Cuban Methodism as He led us to see that spiritual victory can come even in

time of disaster. The pilot project was a success. Our MYF is already planning to lead a smaller nearby church in a similar witness mission. Soon Norka and Olin will be leading youth fellowships throughout Cuban Methodism in Christian Witness Missions.

Not long ago Bishop Short said that he has a fairly good knowledge of all the annual conferences in U. S. Methodism and that he doesn't know any of them to be as vitally and spiritually alive as the Cuba Annual Conference. I agree.

Portal of Iliff School of Theology, Denver



Because of the difficulty of persuading trained ministers to come to Colorado in 1839, the wife of Bishop Henry W. Warren of Denver endowed a theological seminary and her son by her former

husband provided funds for the building. It was named for his late father, John Wesley Iliff. The seminary has about 200 students, a faculty of ten and more than \$1½ million in endowment.

A Century of Colorado Methodism

Most of those who arrived in Colorado's first decade did not come as settlers. They were after gold.

Colorado a century ago was generally considered a land without a future, consisting of arid, unproductive plains and snowbound, ice-locked mountains.

The population in the early days was exceedingly transient. Thousands came, but almost as many left between 1860 and 1870.

Most of those who settled were poor. Few found the gold they sought. By far the greater number were males. There were hardly enough women for a Ladies Aid or to teach Sunday School; indeed, there were few children to be taught.

Despite the desperate needs the denominational boards were at first slow to supply missionaries and funds.

A few freelance preachers who

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had come for other reasons than to organize churches were early arrivals.

Methodist First To Preach

The first of these was the Rev. George Fisher, a carpenter, wagon-maker and Methodist lay preacher. He arrived with the General Larimer party and at the leader's request conducted the first religious service in Denver and the entire mining region.

The service was held in 1858 in one end of a double log cabin belonging to two gamblers. The games continued uninterrupted at the other end during the sermon.

It was not until 1859 that two official missionaries from the Methodist Episcopal Church held services in Denver. One was Dr.

William H. Goode, mature and experienced in frontier situations. The other was a beginner, the Rev. Jacob Adriaance. They organized the first church in Central City in the Pike's Peak region.

On their return to Denver in the summer of 1859, they started the society that is now Trinity Church. In 1860 the Southern Methodists organized a church.

Colorado was first a mission of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference. Later it became a district of the Kansas Conference. The Colorado Conference was organized in 1863 with 12 preachers attending. During its first year it was called the Rocky Mountain Conference, a name which it recently resumed when Utah, Wyoming and a corner of Nevada were added.

The Conference, in its second year, had the courage to establish two schools of higher learning, one in Golden, the other in Denver. The latter, known as first as the Colorado Seminary, is now the University of Denver, the first institution of higher learning in the State. Unfortunately, it was closed from 1867 to 1880.

When the railroads came, followed shortly by Statehood, the future of Colorado and Colorado Methodism was assured.

Following the Civil War, Southern Methodists returned, re-establishing their church in Denver and founding others.

When Colorado became a State in 1876 there were about 40 churches in the Colorado Conference; 1,839 church members; 3,158 Sunday School scholars; and about 30 preachers. Their salaries ranged from \$220 to \$2,000 per year.

First Resident Bishop

The first episcopal leader to take up residence in Denver was Bishop Henry White Warren. He settled in this city in 1883 and remained for 28 years. A widower, he married Mrs. John Wesley Iliff, widow of the cattle king. One of the most remarkable women in Colorado's history, she was of great assistance to the bishop.

Among preachers drawn to Denver by Bishop Warren were the Rev. Earl Cranston, later bishop, and the Rev. Henry A. Buchtel. Dr. Buchtel became Chancellor of the University and while in this position served a term as Governor of the State.

Iliffs Found Seminary

Because it was difficult to persuade trained ministers to come to Colorado, Mrs. Warren in 1889 endowed Iliff School of Theology for the training of ministers and her son provided funds for the building. Even so, Colorado continued to be dependent upon sections of the country for its preachers. It was not until 1913,

fifty years after the Conference was established, that a native son became a member of the Colorado Conference.

Beginning in 1860 a considerable number of Southern Methodist churches had been established in Colorado. In time some went out of existence, others merged with the northern churches in their several communities. However, 17 were functioning at the time of Methodist reunion and were included in the Colorado Conference.

A deaconess home was founded in Denver in 1839 and, later, another in Pueblo. Other institutions were the McClelland Orphanage and a deaconess sanitarium, later known as Beth El Hospital at Colorado Springs. The latter was lost to the church in 1942 because of financial troubles.

Today a residence for elderly people, the Frazier Meadows Manor, is under construction at Boulder. A Methodist headquarters building across the street from the University of Denver serves the city, state and Area.

Colorado Methodism played its full part in both the Centenary

and Crusade movements. Work for young people has always been well supported. There are seven youth camps in the Conference, with 23 youth institutes scheduled this summer.

Wesley Foundations started in 1925. They are now in all the state schools and a Methodist Student Foundation serves the University of Denver.

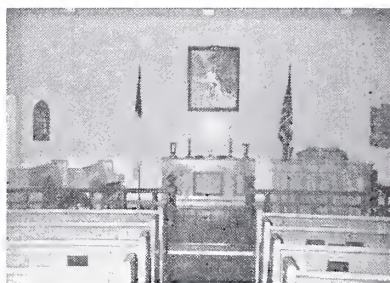
During the current anniversary year, led by Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, the district superintendents and an organization called Centennial Builders, several churches have erected new houses of worship and educational buildings. Two of the new churches commemorate the pioneer founders, Goode and Adriaance.

Colorado Methodists have been active participants in interdenominational cooperation beginning with a Union Sunday School in Denver in 1859 and continuing till the present in local and state councils of churches.

In this General Conference year Colorado Methodist membership stands at about 83,000 divided among the state's 200 Methodist churches.

75th Anniversary To Be Celebrated

The 75th anniversary of the Welatka Methodist Church is to be celebrated on the Sunday of



the 24th of April at the church. It is planned that as many as possible of the ministers who have served this church will be present at that time.

There will be special music by the church choir under the direction of the choir leader, Mr. Leon Jacobson. Then following the morning worship service, which is to be led by the present pastor, Rev. Roy O. Burgess, there will be dinner on the grounds for all. This will be a covered dish dinner and it is planned that it will be held in the large lot next to the church. This property was bought by the church in 1957-58.

This year has been a very special one for this church. There have been new pews (solid oak) and pulpit furniture bought, new colored glass installed in the windows, the outside painted, and a general sincere interest developed in the Church's program. The

every-member canvas and pledge system has been put into effect, an increase of \$500 in the pastor's salary, a new gas heater, that cost \$300, installed.

The WSCS has just sponsored its Annual Turkey Supper that was held on March 22nd at the University of Florida project dining room in Welatka. They made \$150 above expenses.

The MYF (Intermediate and Seniors) have been selling candy and putting on bake sales to the extent that they plan to send 10 youths to the Methodist Youth Camp in Leesburg this summer. They have won the attendance record at the Sub-District meetings for 10 straight months.

Methodists Make News . .

The new Benton chapel at Vanderbilt University honors the memory of **Dr. John Keith Benton**, a Methodist minister and dean of its divinity school for 17 years until his death in 1956.

The Rev. Dr. James Cannon III, 67, retired dean of Duke University Divinity School, died March 9 after several years of declining health. A member of the Virginia Conference, he was the son of the late **Bishop James Cannon, Jr.**

Bishop W. Earl Ledden, who will retire in June from active status as administrator of the Syracuse Area, has been named to the faculty of Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C. He will be professor of Christian worship.

What Is A General Conference?

The eyes of Methodists throughout the world will turn toward Colorado on April 27 when Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy mounts the platform at the Denver Municipal Auditorium to open the sixth General Conference of the Methodist Church.

General Conference is the supreme law-making body of the Methodist Church which convenes every four years. While it is world-wide, the Annual Conference is the "state-level" meeting. Quarterly Conference is held within each local church.

General Conference opens each morning with a devotional service conducted by a bishop. A business session is held that morning, and the afternoons are devoted to committee meetings.

Delegates are seated at the Conference by the Committee on Entertainment. Members of the Judicial Council, the Council of Secretaries, and the Council of Bishops will be seated on the platform. Visitors will be seated in the balcony.

The Methodist General Conference might be called "the shot heard around the world," for not only does the quadrennial meeting affect Methodism, but it influences world Protestantism as well.

No body other than the General Conference may speak officially for the Methodist Church. Paragraph 512 of the "Discipline of the Methodist Church" declares, "No person, no paper, no organization, has the authority to speak officially for the Methodist Church, except only the General Conference under the Constitution."

This world-wide Conference is defined as "delegated body of ministers and laymen that sets standards and works out provisions under which all of the various Conferences of Methodism are to work." General Conference decides the general policies of the Church, makes provisions for the newer cultural and political currents that affect the life of the church, provides necessary machinery and legislation to enable the various Conferences and individual churches to function more efficiently and smoothly.

The General Conference is composed of ministers and laymen, elected in equal numbers from the Annual Conferences. The Discipline states that the body's membership shall not exceed 900. One ministerial member is elected for every seventy ministerial members (clergymen) in each Annual Conference and one additional member for a major fraction thereof; an equal number of lay members are elected. Members are elected by

secret ballot and a majority vote at the various Annual Conferences immediately preceding the General Conference.

Memorials, the Methodist name for petitions or resolutions, are submitted to the Methodist governing body by and person or group in the church. While many memorials are proposed through the Annual Conference, all memorials do not have to be submitted in this manner.

A memorial is treated in much the same manner as a proposed law submitted to the United States Senate. The petitions are first sorted to a group of committees for study. If a memorial is rejected completely when it is studied, the committee reports "non-concurrence" to the General Conference and kills the measure.

Every memorial delegated to a committee must be reported on; no resolution can be "pigeonholed." Therefore, a request from the smallest group in Methodism or from the most insignificant person is assured of General Conference consideration.

It is in the committees that delegates make their major contributions, because it is not possible for a large number of delegates to be heard on all matters when they reach the Conference floor. From one dozen to 100 persons usually compose each committee.

If a petition is to be considered on the floor of the Conference, the committee prepares a written report which appears in the *Daily Christian Advocate* published each night. Each delegate has opportunity to read every proposed measure and be ready to oppose it or defend it the next day.

A memorial is made law by a majority vote of the General Conference. All measures passed become law for the church. Changes in law, rules, legislation, and the like are published in the *Methodist Discipline*. A new edition of the Discipline appears every four years after each General Conference.

The Methodist governing body does not have the power to change the Constitution or Plan of Union of the church. It can recommend changes by a two-thirds vote, but final passage is left to a two-thirds vote all the Annual Conferences.

One of the most significant reports to the General Conference is the quadrennial message of the Council of Bishops. The Episcopal Address, as it is called, is a comprehensive report of the state of the church and future goals for

the next four years. The Council of Bishops elects one from among its number to read the address. Bishop William C. Martin will deliver this year's address on the night of April 27.

The powers of the General Conference can be summarized as follows: (1) Fixes the conditions, privileges, and duties of church membership, (2) Fixes the qualifications and duties of pastors, supply preachers, local preachers, exhorters, and deaconesses, (3) Fixes the powers and duties of the Annual, mission, district, quarterly, and local church conferences, (4) Provides for the work of the church outside the United States, (5) Fixes the powers, duties, and privileges of the bishops, and arranges for their support, (6) Provides the hymnal and ritual of the church and revises the same as needed, (7) Provides a judicial system, (8) Directs all connectional enterprises, (9) Provides for raising the funds to carry on the connectional work, (10) Determines a uniform basis for election of bishops, (11) Changes the number and boundaries of Jurisdictions, and (12) Establishes such commissions for the general work of the church as seems advisable.

Bishops have no voting privileges or powers in the law making body of the Methodist Church.

All General Conference delegates are automatically delegates to one other Conference. Those in the United States are delegates to their respective Jurisdictional Conferences; those overseas to their respective Central Conferences. Jurisdictional Conferences cannot meet until six weeks after the General Conference. New Bishops are elected in the Jurisdictional meeting. The South-eastern Jurisdictional Conference will be held July 13-17 at Lake Junaluska, N.C.



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A Record of the Giving of Methodists in the Florida Conference

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BISHOP'S PASTOR'S SALARY SUPPLEMENT FUND

Jacksonville: Epperson Mem'l.	63.06
Dundee	1.00
Eaton Park	3.00
Greater Miami: Wesley	100.00
Tampa: Hyde Park	300.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	272.50
Newberry-Trenton	25.00
Highland City	6.00
Greater Miami: Tarboux	90.00
Miakka-Myakka City: Myakka City	5.00
Mayo: New Harmony	2.00
Sardis Memorial	10.00
Tallahassee: Tall. Heights	8.25
Juno Beach	6.69
Tampa: Seminole Heights	100.00
Coleman: Sumterville	5.00
Greater Miami: Wesley	100.00
DeLand: Trinity	170.00
DeLand: Trinity	270.00
Doctors Inlet	3.00
Greater Miami: Tarboux	90.00
Nocatee: Pine Level	5.00
Kathleen	7.50
St. Petersburg: Northside	100.00
Tampa: Seminole Heights	100.00

BISHOP'S REPAIR FUND

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Davie	37.50

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Ft. Lauderdale: St. Paul's	3.75
Middleburg	25.00
Cross City	25.00
Havana: Salem	50.00
White Springs	2.00
Boynton Beach: First	25.00
Tavares	50.00
Bradenton: First	100.00
Charlotte Harbor-Cleveland: Charlotte Harbor	30.00
Matecumbe	25.00
Frostproof	125.00

SEMINARY BUILDING FUND

Melbourne: First	55.00
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SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND (at \$600 each)

Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	300.00
Daytona Beach: Community	50.00
Belle Glade: Community	125.00
Jacksonville: Lakewood	50.00
Jacksonville: Lakewood	50.00

CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE AND PUBLISHING FUND

Clearwater: Friendship	10.00
Largo	50.00

AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

Jacksonville: First	29.30
Tavares	100.00
Jacksonville: First	5.00
Lee Ct: Hickory Grove	9.76

SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS

Dunedin	76.00
Pinetta	25.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	200.00
Ft. Lauderdale: St. Andrews	100.00
Daytona Beach: Community	50.00
Jacksonville: Southside Estates ..	25.00

Palatka: St. James	25.00
Palatka: St. James	25.00
Palatka: St. James	5.00
Apopka: First	100.00
Wauchula	50.00
St. Augustine: First	30.00
Dunedin Methodist	76.00
Palatka: St. James	25.00
Jacksonville: Lakewood	10.00
Jacksonville: Southside Estates ..	25.00
Jacksonville: Lakewood	10.00
Jacksonville: Lakewood	10.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	40.00
Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial ..	280.00
Jacksonville: Lakewood	10.00

CUBAN MISSIONARIES' SALARIES

Tampa: Manhattan Ave.	150.00
Ocala: First	277.00
Greater Miami: Coral Gables First ..	450.00
Orlando: Broadway	75.00
Winter Haven: Baymer Memorial ..	100.00
Orlando: Broadway	75.00
Orlando: College Park	100.00
Tampa: Trinity	100.00
St. Petersburg: First	250.00
Starke	200.00
Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial ..	100.00
St. Petersburg: First	250.00

CUBAN MISSIONARIES WORK FUND

Fernandina Beach	35.00
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Ft. Lauderdale: St. Andrews	50.00
Bartow: First	100.00
Leesburg: Morrison Memorial	100.00
Greater Miami: Allapattah	50.00
Greater Miami: Coral Gables First ..	40.00
Englewood	40.00
Lakeland: College Heights	20.00
Perry: First	50.00
Brandon	15.00
Ft. Pierce: First	5.00
Jacksonville: First	30.00
Jacksonville: First	30.00
Davenport	5.00
Leesburg: Morrison Memorial	50.00
Orlando: Pine Castle	20.00
Sanford: First	6.25
Sanford: First	20.00
Nocatee	5.00
Wauchula	50.00
Riviera Beach	151.32
Orlando: First	1.75
Orlando: Reeves Memorial	20.00
Tavares	50.00
St. Petersburg: First	60.00
Venice-Nokomis	120.00
Plant City: First	25.00
Jacksonville: Springfield	135.00
Davenport	5.00
Orlando: Reeves Memorial	20.00
Sanford: First	10.00
Sanford: First	6.25
Anona	5.00
Anona	5.00
St. Petersburg: First	60.00
Bradenton: First	300.00
Sarasota: St. John s	25.00
Wauchula	25.00
Ft. Pierce: First	5.00
Ocala: St. Marks	50.00
Hutto-Yulee: Yulee	50.00
Jacksonville: First	17.50
Jacksonville: First	15.00
Jacksonville: First	20.00
Jacksonville: First	10.00
Jacksonville: First	5.00
Jacksonville: First	5.00
Jacksonville: First	8.00
Jacksonville: Lakewood	64.36
Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial ..	280.00
Greater Miami: Rader Memorial ..	40.00
Lockhard	15.60
Oviedo	50.00
Anona	5.00
Anona	5.00
St. Petersburg: Seminole	120.00

CUBAN NATIONAL PASTORS' SALARIES

Tampa: Tampa Heights	120.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	300.00
Greater Miami: Coral Gables, First ..	120.00
Greater Miami: Coral Gables First ..	80.00
Greater Miami: Coral Gables First ..	80.00
Greater Miami: Coral Gables First ..	50.00
Daytona Beach: Community	50.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	50.00
Bowling Green	75.00
Lake Worth: Calvary	300.00
Melbourne: First	100.00
Lakeland: First	100.00
Greater Miami: Hialeah, First ..	50.00
Greater Miami: South Miami First ..	960.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	200.00
DeLand: First	100.00
Tampa: Tampa Heights	120.00
Orlando: Reeves Memorial	100.00
Tampa: First	500.00
Starke	50.00
Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial ..	100.00
Greater Miami: Christ	18.25
Greater Miami: Christ	8.00
DeLand: First	100.00
Orlando: Reeves	100.00
Fruitland Park	100.00
Lakeland: First	100.00

CUBAN NATIONAL PASTORS' WORK FUND

Jacksonville: Riverside Park	20.00
Greater Miami: Coral Gables First ..	67.00
Greater Miami: Coral Gables First ..	67.00
Bartow: Asbury	10.00
Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial ..	100.00
St. Petersburg: Northside	5.00
Sarasota: First	50.00
Quincy: Centenary	5.00
Madison: First	36.00
Madison: First	5.00
DeLand: Trinity	30.00
DeLand: Trinity	30.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	6.00
Greater Miami: St. Paul's	20.00

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Tampa: Hyde Park	200.00
Tampa: Nebraska Avenue	150.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	90.00
Rt. Lauderdale: At. Andrews	100.00
West Palm Beach: First	100.00
West Palm Beach: First	50.00
Auburndale: Lena Vista	5.00
Greater Miami: Coral Gables First ..	20.00
Greater Miami: Coral Gables First ..	20.00
Daytona Beach: Community	50.00
Umatilla: First	50.00
Bonita Springs: Estero	7.50
Ft. Pierce: First	50.00
Palatka: St. James	5.00
Callahan	15.38
Jacksonville: Snyder Memorial ..	9.00
Bartow: Asbury	75.00
Greater Miami: Allapattah	100.00
Greater Miami: Allapattah	15.00
Greater Miami: Fulford	274.00
Greater Miami: South Miami First ..	200.00
Greater Miami: White Temple	14.16
Hutto Chapel	48.10
Jacksonville: First	500.00
Jacksonville: First	200.00
Jacksonville: First	45.00
Jacksonville: First	35.00
Jacksonville: First	25.00
Jacksonville: First	30.00
Jacksonville: First	10.00
Lakeland: First	100.00
Greater Miami: Sellers Memorial ..	50.00
Greater Miami: White Temple ..	5.10
Sanford: First	13.00
Sanford: Grace	10.35
Palm Harbor	24.00
Ft. Myers: First	50.00
Tallahassee: Tallahassee Heights ..	8.20
Pahokee	10.00

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Aliston	50.00
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Alma: Reeves Memorial	30.00
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Alma-Nokomis	160.00
Alma: First	6.00
Alma: Park Temple	100.00
Alma Beach: First	100.00
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Alma: Trinity	10.00
Alma	20.00
Alma	6.00
Alma: First	15.00
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Alma: Friendship	100.00
Alma Port Richey: First	100.00
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Alma Park: First	15.00
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Alma: Lakewood	5.00
Alma: Riverview	5.00
Alma: Asbury	13.00
Alma: Trinity	1500.00
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Alma-Yulee: Yulee	60.00

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Greater Miami: Coral Gables First	100.00
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Greater Miami: Christ	208.00
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Greater Miami: Church	3000.00
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Greater Miami: Riverside	151.50

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Alma: First	50.00
Alma	7.00
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Alma: Pine Castle	5.00
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Alma: First	50.00
Alma: Centenary	12.00
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Alma	15.00
Alma: College Heights	15.00
Alma	25.00
Alma Springs, Estero	7.50
Alma: Green	5.00
Alma: Green	10.00
Alma: Calvary	100.00
Alma: First	25.00
Alma: First	41.00
Alma City	25.00
Alma	100.00
Alma-Yulee: Yulee	50.00
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Alma: First	70.00
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Greater Miami: South Miami First	100.00
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Greater Miami: Beach	100.00
Greater Miami: Trinity	70.00
Greater Miami	25.00

Tallahassee: St. Paul's	60.00
Brandon	10.00
Brandon	10.00
Ft. Pierce: First	53.00
West Palm Beach: Wagg Memorial	130.00
Jacksonville: Peeler Memorial	15.00
Jacksonville: Peeler Memorial	15.00
Leesburg: Morrison Memorial	25.00
Greater Miami: Holleman Park	100.00
Greater Miami: Sellers Memorial	50.00
N.W. Smyrna Beach	100.00
Orlando: First	113.00
Orlando: Goss Memorial	25.00
Orlando: Goss Memorial	50.00
Orlando: Goss Memorial	25.00
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Orlando: Pine Castle	4.00
St. Petersburg: Grace	35.00
St. Petersburg: Allendale	10.00
Mayo	2.00
Woodville Ct: Zion Hill	2.00
Boynton Beach: First	25.00
Eau Gallie: St. Paul's	50.00
Ft. Pierce: Community	10.00
Ft. Pierce: Community	10.00
Ft. Pierce: First	5.00
Vero Beach: First	110.00
Friendship Class, Cero Beach First	60.00
West Palm Beach: First	23.82
Clermont: First	50.00
Groveland: Edge Memorial	100.00
Greater Miami: Coral Gables First	15.00
Crando: First	35.00
Orlando: First	10.00
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Winter Park	200.00
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Venice-Nokomis	66.00
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Jacksonville: Lakewood	30.00
Wildwood	25.00
Greater Miami: Rader	100.00
Sarasota: First	30.00
West Palm Beach: First	15.00
Hutto-Yulee: Yulee	50.00
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Jacksonville: Riverview	20.00
Greater Miami: St. Paul's	20.00
Eustis	22.50
Oviedo	30.00
Brocksville	100.00
St. Petersburg: First	1000.00
Carrabelle	10.00
Tampa: Hyde Park	75.00
Clewiston	25.00
Wauchula	50.00

OTHER ADVANCE SPECIALS ABROAD

Clermont: First	48.00
Lakeland: First	51.69
Webster: Linden	5.00
Orlando: Holden Heights	40.00
Brooksville: First	100.00
Clearwater: First	50.00
Dunedin	32.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	375.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	275.00
West Palm Beach: Grace	12.05
Chiefland	4.00
Ocala: First	150.00
Daytona Beach: Community	40.00
Daytona Beach: Community	35.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	50.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	50.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	24.82
St. Petersburg: Christ	2.50
St. Petersburg: Christ	11.50
St. Petersburg: Christ	400.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	10.00
Bonita Springs-Estero: Estero	14.00
Bowling Green	25.00
Miackka-Miackka: Miackka	10.00
Sebring, First	100.00
Sebring, First	100.00
Sebring, First	100.00
Sebring, First	100.00
Sebring, First	100.00
Sebring, First	100.00
Sopchoppy	10.00

Keystone	40.00
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Greater Miami: South Miami, First	100.00
Orlando: College Park	20.00
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Wildwood	25.00
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Tampa: Trinity	100.00
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Ocala: St. Marks	50.00
Ocala: St. Marks	47.26
Jacksonville: Arlington	32.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	10.00
Kissimmee	100.00
Kissimmee	50.00
Kissimmee	20.00
Greater Miami: Kendall	150.00
Greater Miami: Kendall	50.00
Greater Miami: Kendall	20.00
Greater Miami: Rader Mem.	100.00
Greater Miami: Rader Mem.	100.00
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St. Petersburg: Child's Park	6.50
St. Petersburg: First	115.00
St. Petersburg: First	115.00
St. Petersburg: Lakewood	100.00
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Havana	40.00
Nabasso	20.00

II. National Mission Specials

21. MISSIONARIES' SALARIES

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Why I Became A Deaconess . . .

One day, while a student at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, I met the Dean of Students in the hall. We stopped to chat for a few moments and she asked if I wanted an application blank to become a Deaconess in the Methodist Church. Much to my surprise, I found myself saying "Yes". A decision had been reached, which seemed to be the culmination of my life experience to that time, and a great calmness followed, which to me meant the decision was right. I still feel it was right. As I look back, I realize now that for some time I had been fighting any personal interest in becoming a Deaconess and was pretty sure that I did not want to be one. For one thing, I had no desire to fit into a stereotyped mold of opinion, which too many people held and still hold of a Deaconess. I was made to realize that God makes the patterns and sets the molds for our lives if we let Him, and which I have discovered are always too large for us; you see, he makes allowances for our growth.

Perhaps I should say, the decision that day was not as simple and quick as it appeared. I feel it was a culmination of God's guidance to that point; and to understand the decision, one must go back to the beginning. I was reared in a Christian home, and outside activities for the whole family centered around the church. God became very real to me as a child and has remained so, and I have sought His guidance in all decisions of life.

I volunteered for life service in the church as a youth in an Epworth League Assembly, which was meeting on the campus of Athens College in my home state of Alabama. The president of the college was present and opened the door for me to enroll as a student, which I did and remained until graduation. While in Athens College, I was active in the YWCA, the Life Service group, and other religious activities of the campus as well as in the Community Methodist Church. I was sent as a delegate from my college to the International Student Volunteer Movement Conference, meeting in Detroit, Michigan, which had a profound influence in my life.

The Blue Ridge Association Blue Ridge, N.C., and the Southern YMCA Graduate School in Nashville, Tennessee, were other great influences in my life. On recommendation of the College President, I was selected to go to Blue Ridge on a Summer Work-Study Scholarship, along with students from other Southern Colleges. I spent three happy summers there. On graduation from college, dur-

By **CLEO BARBER**
Wolff Settlement, Tampa



CLEO BARBER

ing depression years, jobs for inexperienced teachers, my chosen profession, seemed non-existent. Since a job was not to be had, I was fortunate in being selected as one of the three girls for a Study-Work Scholarship at the Southern YMCA Graduate School. This too, was a great experience for a year. Under the leadership of Dr. W. D. Weatherford, my interest was widened in cultural differences through a study of anthropology. Also, I was introduced to the field of organized camping through my work in assisting one of the professors in a study of camping in the South for the Southern Regional Camping Association. Camping jobs occupied my summers for many years.

At last, a job in teaching was secured from which I learned one fact—Public School teaching was not for me.

While visiting a friend in Nashville, she insisted that I meet the President of Scarritt College. After that, the way was opened for me to go there. After graduation, I became a Deaconess in the Methodist Church, serving under the supervision of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. I might have chosen any type of work under any agency of the church as a deaconess, but I chose the Woman's Division and the Settlement as the type of work I wanted. My work in Settlement Houses in various cities through the years have brought rich and rewarding experiences.

The Woman's Division provides many opportunities for its work-

ers which can be revitalizing and help them grow on the job. One of these is sabbatical leaves. I used my leaves in study at the School of Applied Social Sciences at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, where I received my Masters Degree in Social Work.

When I look back at the rich experiences I have had and the wonderful way God has Blessed my life, I know that any contribution I can make to people through the church with my life is small indeed in comparison to His Great Love. The relationship to the Methodist Church, which being a Deaconess provides, is a very happy and satisfying one for me. Why I became a Deaconess? I don't know. I just know I had to respond to His Great Love and Care for me. The Church has always been my enlarged family. Can I turn my back on my family if it needs my services?

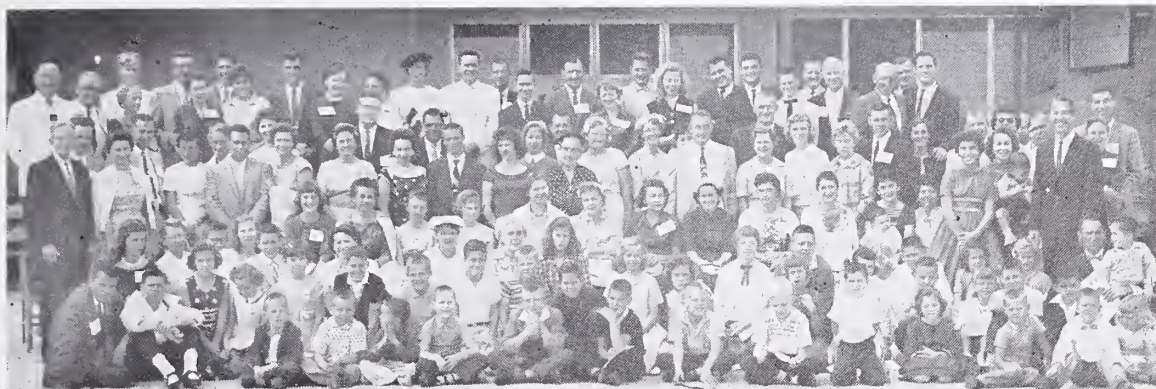
The Evangelism of Jesus

The Evangelism of Jesus, by Mack B. Stokes, is a volume of 96 pages designed for personal reading and study, and as a group study book. There has been a general feeling that The Methodist Church must go deeper before it can go further in its evangelistic activity. Accordingly Methodist Evangelistic Materials asked Dr. Mack B. Stokes, Associate Dean and Parker Professor of Theology, Candler School of Theology, to prepare a study book that the local church Commission on Membership and Evangelism could take up as the first of a series of church-wide studies in the deeper meanings and implications of evangelism.

The result is a highly attractive book with an introduction and ten chapters. The ten themes with which Dr. Stokes deals are: **Jesus Used the Scriptures, Jesus Used Everyday Experiences, Jesus Asked Key Questions, Jesus Went Straight to the Point, Jesus Confronted People With Responsibility, Lostness, and Judgment, Jesus Used the Ministry of Healing, Jesus Associated Intimately With All Kinds of People, Jesus Led People Into a Right Understanding, Jesus Enlisted Others in Planned Evangelism, and "Jesus Gave Himself."**

At the close of each chapter he has arranged pertinent and thought provoking questions, followed by "Some Suggested Conclusions." In the foreword the editors say, "Here is a volume that can be used for personal reading and for church groups, midweek services, informal Bible groups, fellowship groups, Fishermen's Clubs, and all kindred groups who witness for Christ—including "The Twelve" in the new "Decade of Dynamic Discipleship."

NEW CONGREGATION



This is the congregation of the new Plantation Methodist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, at the time of its organization as reported in THE FLORIDA METHODIST recently. There were 113 members received at this organizational meeting.

Dr. Henry W. Blackburn, Superintendent of the West Palm Beach District, seen standing in the first row on the extreme left, preached and presided over the business session. The pastor, the Rev. Henry G. Galloway, is seen standing

in the front row on the extreme right.

Sponsored by the Park Temple Church of Ft. Lauderdale, the new congregation will meet in the Parkway Junior High School until the erection of its first unit.

1961 World Methodist Year . . .

Expectations are that 1000 American Methodists either as delegates or visitors will attend the tenth World Methodist Conference in Oslo, Norway, August 25-29, 1961, according to Dr. Elmer Clark.

Dr. Clark, whose office is at Lake Junaluska, N. C., is one of the secretaries of the World Methodist Council.

The Second Assembly of the World Federation of Methodist Women will be held in Oslo on the three days preceding.

Delegates from The Methodist Church to the World Conference will include all bishops, active and retired; all board and commission secretaries; the 75 American members of the World Methodist Council; eight delegates and eight representatives from each episcopal area; 63 representatives from the Woman's Division; and 50 youth delegates.

The general theme of the Conference will be "New Life in the Spirit." Addresses will be geared to four program studies: "The Word and Giver of Life," "The Family Life of the Church," "The Church and the Life of the World," and "Methodism in the World Church."

Plans are being advanced by the Unitarian Church to America this Spring of 1961. Ragnar Horn of Oslo, chairman of the local committee. Details will be completed when the executive committee of the World Methodist Council meets in Geneva this Summer, August 3-7.

Opportunities for those who wish to include a tour of Europe in their attendance at the World Conference are being set up. Mr. Charles Hill of Thomas Cook & Sons, 587 Fifth Avenue, New York,

official travel agents, can provide information.

Young persons of high school and college age who desire details concerning possible appointment as youth delegates should write to Dr. Clark at Lake Junaluska. Special youth tours prior to the Conference are being planned.

TRAFCO Films At Film Festival

NASHVILLE, TENN. — Eleven Methodist-produced films have been accepted for competitive screening at the second annual American Film Festival to be held in New York City April 20-23.

Produced by the Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAF-CO) of The Methodist Church, the films are among 250 which were selected by advance screening committees from over 525 entries. Blue ribbon awards will be given to the best 16 mm. film and the best 35 mm. filmstrip submitted in each of 34 categories.

The festival is the nation's largest 16 mm. movie assembly. Last year the event brought together more than 500 producers, distributors, film users and educators from all parts of the country. It is sponsored by the Educational Film Library Association, New York City.

TRAFCO entered a total of 17 films and filmstrips in five of the 34 categories. Ten 16 mm. films and one filmstrip were accepted for showing and consideration for blue ribbon awards.

Seven Methodist films are from the TALK BACK television series, which have now been made available for local church and community group use. The films are 12-15

minutes in length and present in a dramatic form a vital problem of everyday living. No solution is given. The local viewing group may then discuss the Christian implications of the problem as it applies to their lives and situations.

TALK BACK films which were accepted are: A PORTRAIT OF HECTOR, BIG MAN ON CAMPUS, THE VICTIM, THE MEETING PLACE, THE FOUL, THE VOLUNTEER and FORGET RICHARDS.

Other Methodist films which will be shown include:

ONE LOVE - CONFLICTING FAITHS — the story of a Roman Catholic boy who marries a Protestant girl. The 27-minute film depicts the problems encountered in a mixed marriage.

A BETTER WORLD BEGINS WITH ME — a 30-minute film TRAFCO produced for the Fair Foundation of Tyler, Texas and the Methodist Board of Evangelism. It illustrates the influence an individual may have on others.

THE STEPSITTERS — a documentary film which illustrates the work of the Methodist Youth Fund through a specific example — the Homer Toberman Settlement House in San Pedro, Calif.

The only TRAFCO filmstrip to be shown is NEXT STEPS IN RELIGION.

The festival will show films submitted in five general classifications: education and information, art and culture, religion and ethics, business and industry, and health and medicine.

The Rev. Dr. Harry C. Spencer is general secretary of the Television, Radio and Film Commission and Dr. Howard E. Tower is associate secretary and director of program production and utilization. TRAFCO headquarters is in Nashville, Tenn.

GLEANINGS FROM HERE and THERE

The Kathleen High School Glee Club, the Cappella Choir of the Lakeland High School, and the Florida Southern College Singers have all been heard at the series of Lenten Vespers Services held at Trinity, Lakeland, this year.

"Up to date" seniors at Highland Avenue Church, Tampa, presented an old-fashioned ice cream social recently, with cakes personally baked by the seniors.

Hymnal inserts of the song "How Great Thou Art" have been given to Christ Church, St. Petersburg, by the Rev. Elsie Davis in memory of her husband, the Rev. Thomas Davies. The song title was Dr. Paul Hortin's sermon subject on March 27th.

Dr. Ralph B. Huston, pastor at First Church, South Miami, is another of the Florida ministers who will be leading a tour to Europe and the Holy Land this summer. This tour, which includes the Oberammergau Passion Play, leaves June 28 and returns July 26.

"How about those two names?" quips Pastor Eldon Simmons of Trinity, Tampa, as he announces visiting ministers for homecoming, May 1 — Ackenhusen and DeBevoise. They are R. E. Ackenhusen of First Church, Plant City, and Donald T. DeBevoise, associate at Allendale, St. Petersburg.

The 42-voice Pfeiffer College Concert Choir, directed by Glenn Draper, sang at the Childs Park Church, St. Petersburg, on March 29th.

All members of the family of the late Robert M. and Martha Carlton Hendry will gather Sunday, May 1, at the Shady Grove Methodist Church in Taylor County for the annual Hendry Reunion. All friends of this fine and large Methodist family are invited to attend this happy event.

Pictures and recordings highlighted the address of "Skip" Westphal, writer and world traveler, when he spoke on "What I Saw in Russia Recently" at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, on March 22nd.

The Emory - at - Oxford Choir was heard at Lake Placid on Sunday, March 20.

Some 30 members of youth choirs of Trinity, Lakeland, made a recent trip to Lake Wales to visit Bok Tower and "Spook" Hill.

They were accompanied by Mrs. O. C. Driskell, director of the choirs, and other ladies of the church.

Epworth sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met in March at Christ Church, Tampa. Miss Dorothy Hughlett showed curios from Belgian Congo, the country where she was born and where she plans to return soon as a teacher in a school for children of missionaries.

The Rev. Robert C. Boggs, pastor at First Church, Lake Wales, has a set of slides and a script prepared by the Rev. Frank Smith concerning the latter's work on the mission field in Taiwan. Pastors and church groups may arrange for the use of this material by writing Mr. Boggs.

MYF members at Trinity, Tampa, held a Christian Witness program Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 1, 2 and 3. R. E. Rutland, Jr., and Richard England were visiting leaders.

My Neighbors

CHECK-OUT



"I remember when we brought a little bag of money and got a big bag of groceries!"

The 46-member LaGrange College Choraliers sang at Morrison Memorial, Leesburg; Trinity, Winter Haven; Tamiami Temple, Miami; and at several other churches during their spring tour the middle of last month.

The Tampa Ministers' Association is providing the prayers for the "Dial A Prayer" service now being sponsored by a local cemetery.

Hyde Park Church, Tampa, has entered a team in the city softball league. Male church members over 15 years of age are eligible to play on the team.

"Treasures in Heaven" was the theme of a recent Wednesday night program at Hyde Park, Tampa. The film with that name

was shown, and then two attorneys answered questions from the audience about making wills and settling personal estates.

The Sunday Evening Adult Fellowship of First Church, Clermont, visited the Passion Play at Lake Wales recently.

Trinity Church, Tampa, is using Dr. Laurie Ray's "New" Loyalty Dinner Plan to underwrite its program for 1960-61.

The St. Petersburg Male Chorus, under the direction of John L. Reynolds, sang a concert at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, on March 28th.

First Church, Starke; First Church, Dade City; Arlington Church, Jacksonville; and Christ Church, St. Petersburg, were among the Florida churches visited by the Asbury College Men's Glee Club on its recent tour of Florida.

A group from the Fort Meade High School band furnished special music at two services during the recent revival held at First Church, where the Rev. Claude Stanfield is pastor.

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Purely Personal

Iva Hobard Sholty, 38, son of missionaries to Japan and the Lay leader of the Central Methodist Church, Ft. Myers, died recently.

Sholty was also an educator and active in Christian education, scouting, and other community affairs.

Retired Bishop Raymond J. de Michigan, who celebrated his 65th anniversary of his admission on trial into the North Indiana Conference on March 31, reached at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, on March 27th. Bishop de first joined the Methodist Episcopal Church on March 16, 1894, and was elected bishop in Kansas City in 1928.

Files and Eloise Kirkland of Manhattan Avenue Church, Tampa, announce the birth of a son, Ellsworth Jr., March 16.

Mr. A. E. Lewis, former International President of the Gideons, is the speaker at Morrison Memorial, Leesburg, on March 27th.

Mrs. C. B. Clayton of Eustis, wife of Dr. C. B. Clayton, retired member of the Florida Conference, won third place in the Desert Contest, sponsored by the Florida Citrus Commission, held at Winter Haven earlier this month.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt completed a series of pre-Easter preaching missions in Florida at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, the week of April 3rd and went to conduct a similar mission in Dalton, Georgia, before returning to the Nebraska Conference of which he now the presiding bishop.

The Rev. V. O. White, retired member of the Missouri Conference now living in Bartow, reached at First Church, Bartow, on the occasion of his 88th birthday last month.

The Rev. E. F. Mayton, chaplain of the State Prison, Raiford, reached at First Church, Starke, on the occasion of the Rev. H. O. Yette, was in a revival at Ken-

The Rev. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Florida missionaries to Taipei, Taiwan, announce the birth of a daughter, Jeannine Allen Smith, weighing 9½ pounds, on March 16.

Dr. George E. Morelock, Executive Secretary Emeritus of the Board of Lay Activities, was honored at a testimonial dinner given by that Board at First Church, Coral Gables, on April

5th. An account of the dinner, with pictures, will appear in the next issue.

Adeline Kennedy, well known teacher, conducted a course on work with primary children at First Church, Bartow, earlier this month.

The Rev. and Mrs. Pat McBride and their daughters Linda, Deborah and Patricia, were guests at Hyde Park, Tampa, recently, when Pat was speaker at the Wednesday night program. Pat was associate pastor at Hyde Park in 1952-53, and is now pastor at Monticello.

Miss Charlotte Lewis and Dr. Garfield Evans, former missionaries to Africa and Cuba, respectively, were recent speakers to groups at First Church, Avon Park.

Dr. Henry M. Battenhouse, professor of English literature at Florida Southern College and a retired member of the Detroit Conference, died at his home in Lakeland recently. Memorial services were held in the College Heights Church with Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., president of the College paying tribute to Dr. Battenhouse. Burial was at Edgerton, Ohio.

Mrs. Dorothy Davidson Brewster, wife of Dr. Harold Brewster and co-author of the recent study book on medical missions, spoke in New Port Richey last month on her experiences at Christ Hospital at Kapit, Sarawak.

Miss Blanche Yeager, Conference director of Children's Work, taught a course on "Teaching Children" in the Christian Worker's School held at Cross City last month.

Stephen A. Haboush, the Galilean Shepherd, preached at Avon Park on Palm Sunday and presented his program on "Christian Palestine" the following night.

The Rev. Don Kokomoor, pastor at First Church, Apopka, presented the field of the Ministry and Religious Education to students of the local High School on their annual Career Afternoon recently.

The Rev. George L. Harper, pastor at First Church, Bartow, was the Loyalty Dinner speaker in connection with the Every Member Canvass at Trinity, Lakeland.

Mrs. Paul D. Shaw of Christ Church, St. Petersburg, was elected president of the St. Petersburg W.S.C.S. at the recent Annual Meeting held at the Pasadena Community Church.

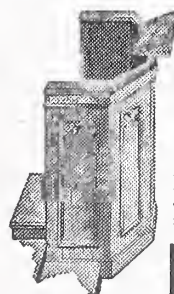
Men at Work

Methodist Men at Lake Placid voted a scholarship for Darold Storm of Lakeland to the Candler School of Theology after he spoke to the Club on his call to the Christian ministry at the March meeting.

A. L. Cleveland, editor of the "Fort Meade Leader", whose daughter Dr. Vela Cleveland is a medical missionary in India, gave a report on his daughter's activities during her orientation period, at the March meeting of the Methodist Men of Wesley Memorial Church, Lakeland. He was given a check for \$100 as a club contribution toward her work. Dr. Robert C. Adair, executive director of the Goodwill Industries also spoke, his subject being "A Modern Miracle."

Bobby Richardson, N.Y. Yankee second baseman, spoke to the Methodist Men of Christ Church, St. Petersburg, at their "Baseball and Installation Banquet" last month. A film of the Christian Athlete Organization was shown also. Wives and sons of members of the Men's Club were invited.

The Methodist Men of First Church, Dade City, had George Sampson of the American Can Co., as guest speaker at their March supper meeting. His subject was "Your Food and Security in Case of Atomic Exposure."



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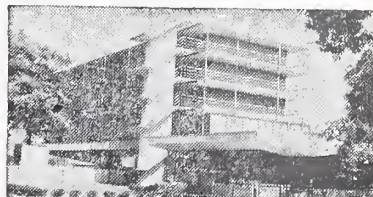
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Grace Methodist Unveils Historical Marker April 3

Leaders from all walks of life joined in paying tribute to a pioneer South Florida church when a historical marker honoring Grace Methodist Church was unveiled Sunday, April 3.

The marker is another in a series calling public attention to historically significant sites in South Florida, under sponsorship of the Historical Association of Southern Florida. Representing the association in the ceremonies was its president, Wayne E. Withers; Gaylord Price, chairman of its historic sites and marker committee, and members of the association board of directors.

Grace Methodist Church is located at 6501 North Miami Avenue, where the ceremonies were held.

It is the oldest house of worship in continuous operation in Dade County. It was founded April 21, 1893 as Lemon City Methodist Church. The first pastor, the Rev. C. W. White of the Indian River Mission, used to come to the church once a month by stage-coach or boat to conduct services and preach.

The present location of the church is the third it has occupied. The church has continued down through the years despite trials and hardships, including a hurricane which leveled one house of worship but failed to break the spirit of the congregation.

Among those attending the dedication ceremony were top officials of Miami and Dade County government and spiritual and lay leaders of many of the religious denominations in this area. Many of the distinguished guests have themselves worshipped at Grace Methodist for many years.

Included in the latter category is former County Commissioner Hugh (Pat) Peters, a member of Grace Methodist since 1905 and the only living person who has worshipped in all three sanctuaries of the pioneer church.

Main speaker at the dedication ceremony was Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., president of Florida Southern College, Lakeland, and a district vice president of the Historical Association of Southern Florida.

The program opened with an invocation by the pastor of Grace Methodist, the Rev. William T. Blair, the 33rd pastor of the church. Then, after Price introduced distinguished guests, Withers invited Charles Bragg, chairman of the church board, and Loy Morrow, lay leader, to unveil the marker.

The marker was officially accepted on behalf of the church by

BUILDINGS and IMPROVEMENTS

First Church, Avon Park, is now completely air conditioned—the equipment having been installed at a cost of \$12,500.00.

The new chapel, Sunday School rooms, and facade of Christ Church, St. Petersburg, are now under construction and should be completed late in November, 1960.

The Parish Hall at First Church, Dade City, has been redecorated inside and out and the former Youth Building, now known as the Kindergarten Building, has been remodeled and air conditioned.

The completion of air conditioning for the entire church plant and the installation of a new \$32,000 pipe organ are included in the program of Park Temple, Fort Lauderdale, for the near future.

Morrison Memorial, Leesburg, recently added a set of chimes to the organ. The chimes were a gift from Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Stivender, Sr.

Members of the Senior M.Y.F. at Trinity Church, Tampa, spent a recent Saturday weeding the flower beds.

Circuit Judge Ray Pearson, chairman of the church board of trustees. The benediction was offered by Donald Swanson, executive secretary of the Greater Miami Council of Churches.

Text of the marker, in raised gold letters on a field of dark blue, follows:

"Grace Methodist Church
Oldest church in continuous service in Dade County. This sanctuary, built in 1959, is the third. The second was built in 1905 at 6311 NE Second Ave. after a hurricane destroyed the first. Original church was built in 1893 where an Indian Trail crossed Military Trail (NE 61st St. and 5th Ave.) in Lemon City. The church was named Lemon City Methodist by its founders who had met for several years in Pierce's sponge warehouse on Biscayne Bay. This pioneer church was renamed Grace after Lemon City became a part of Miami.

The Historical Association of South Florida — 1960."

Playing an important role in preparations for the ceremonies was Joseph Faus, recognized as the historian of Grace Methodist. His father, the Rev. O. H. P. Faus, was pastor of Grace Methodist in 1910.

REV. PAUL E. BUYERS, SR.

The Rev. Paul Eugene Buyers, Sr., 81, associate pastor at Central Church, Ft. Myers, died recently at the Lee Memorial hospital in that city.

A native of Whitesburg, Ga., Mr. Buyers spent 43 years in Brazil as a pioneer missionary.

While there he worked first in the interior, traveling by horseback. He was president of the first Methodist Boy's School in Brazil, director, builder and organizer of the People's Central Institute in the heart of the slum area of Rio de Janeiro, for many years the field treasurer for the board and united the existing Methodist Seminaries in Brazil with a new site in Sao Paulo. He was author of more than 30 books in Portuguese ranging from church histories, biographies, his travels and autobiographies.

Following his retirement in 1953, Mr. Buyers lived in Ft. Myers where he served as the pastor of the Fort Myers Beach Church and then as the associate pastor at the Central Methodist Church. Funeral services were held at the latter church with the pastor, the Rev. George E. Graden, officiating. Mr. Graden was assisted by the Rev. John J. Rooks, the Rev. John Few, the Rev. Royal Page and the Rev. E. S. Anderson.

Further services and interment were in Wilmore, Kentucky.

The Rev. Gerardo Martinez, national pastor from Central Baguanos, Cuba, preached at First Church, Apopka, on March 6th.

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Emory University Commencement Exercises

Dr. Louis M. Orr, president of the American Medical Assn., will address Emory University commencement exercises Monday, June 6.

The single commencement will include graduates of the college and professional schools, and will be held on the quadrangle in front of the Administration Building at 6 p.m.

This is the second year Emory has held joint commencement exercises. Formerly two services were held, one for awarding undergraduates degrees and another for graduate and professional degrees.

In case of rain graduation ceremonies will be held in the university field house. Students graduating will receive tickets in order of immediate members of their families can have priority on seating; if the event is moved indoors. Bishop Paul N. Garber, resident bishop of the Richmond area of the Methodist Church, will give the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m. at Glena Memorial Auditorium.

Dr. Orr, a native of Cumming, Ga., and an Emory alumnus, has practiced medicine in Orlando, Fla., since 1927. He is a member of a number of medical and scientific societies and the author of many medical articles.

Bishop Garber served as bishop of the Geneva area of the Methodist Church from 1944 to 1952 with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. He was appointed bishop of the Richmond area in 1952.

Florida Southern College Faculty Members Honored

Two members of Florida Southern College's faculty have been awarded grants by the National Science Foundation for investigations in their respective fields.

Grants were awarded to Charles Eickenberg of the biology department and Eurus G. Sellers, Jr., of the mathematics department.

Prof. Eickenberg has been given a grant through the University of Massachusetts. His project is to study the classifications of pokeweed, a perennial herb, in Florida and Massachusetts, comparing differences in the same species.

Prof. Sellers will join 29 other college teachers interested in elementary school arithmetic programs in the light of modern development.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Prof. Eickenberg has authored many papers and articles on microbiology. Before coming to Florida Southern in 1956, he conducted such studies in India.

Conference on Alcoholism

Dr. O. Floyd Feely, Jr., Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at the Candler School of Theology,



Dr. O. Floyd Feely, Jr.

Dr. Ernest Shepherd, Administrator of the State of Florida Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program; and the staff of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center at Avon Park will be the leaders of a workshop on "The Pastoral Care of Alcoholism in Families" to be held at the Avon Park Center, May 2-4. The Workshop is being conducted by the General Extension Division of Florida in cooperation with the State Rehabilitation Program. Registration will be completed at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, and the workshop will adjourn with luncheon on Wednesday.

Alcoholism in the family will be given primary attention. The workshop will deal with the pastoral care and counseling of the problem drinker and his family. There are many aspects of alcoholism as it exists in the modern family; the husband and the alcoholic wife; the wife and the alcoholic husband; the child and his alcoholic parent or parents; the alcoholic youth and his family; the response of the whole family to alcoholic crises. Attention will be given to the pastoral care and the adjustment of the members of the family to alcoholism.

To some degree, this phase of pastoral care and counseling has been overlooked. During the workshop, a more careful consideration will be given this important area of counseling. Technicians, social workers, clergymen, doctors, and social scientists, who are encountering this problem, state that there is no such thing as a hopeless alcoholic. The problem drinker who honestly and sincerely

wants to stop drinking, can recover to live a useful, productive, satisfying life.

Families of the alcoholics are clamoring for the proper kind of assistance. This workshop is another opportunity for the pastors to receive knowledge and assistance which they can offer to the alcoholic and his family.

Enrollment in the workshop will be limited to 35 persons. It is open to clergymen of all faiths throughout the state of Florida. Advanced registrations must be accompanied with the registration fee of \$4.00. No registrations will be accepted after the first 35 persons have registered.

It is estimated that the approximate cost including room and meals, will be \$17.00. Ample time and opportunity will be set aside for discussion and interchange of ideas and for an examination of the library of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center.

Dr. Carruth Resigns

NASHVILLE, TENN. — The Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, director of the Prayer Life Movement of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism here, resigned March 31.

He will become director of the Spiritual Life Research Center of the E. Stanley Jones Institute of Communicative Arts, with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga.

The announcement was made by Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the Board of Evangelism.

Dr. Denman said that the Rev. Leslie J. Ross, Nashville, director of the Board of Evangelism's Department of Evangelistic Movements, has been named acting director of the Prayer Life Movement until a full-time successor can be selected.

Dr. Carruth was with the General Board of Evangelism seven years during which time he was responsible for the development of the Prayer Life Movement into a world-wide concern.

He is a member of the Mississippi Methodist Annual Conference,

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CONFERENCES ANNOUNCED



DR. BLISS WIANT

Two events of great importance and interest are scheduled for the Methodist Youth Camp at Leesburg, May 10-13.

The first of these is the 2nd Annual Church Music Workshop which will be held May 10-12. Designed for ministers of music, choir directors, organists, pianists, choir members, song leaders, pastors and directors of Christian education, this workshop brings a group of unusually well equipped resource leaders.

Dr. Bliss Wiant, of the Methodist Board of Education, heads the group of leaders which includes Grant Pulen, Mrs. Justine Cannon, Miss Virginia Hedding, Mrs. Louise Dring, Grati Rosazza, Barnes Sale, Robert Wilde and Mrs. E. Ruffin Jones.

The total cost for the Workshop is \$10. Advance registration should be sent to Mrs. Justine Cannon, P.O. Box 2426, Fort Lauderdale,



DR. R. IRA BARNETT

Florida, with a registration fee of \$2.00. Further information may be had from Box 78, Lakeland.

The second event is the Older Adult Conference which is scheduled from May 10-13. This is planned for those who are retired or nearing retirement with special reference to the place of the church in retirement.

Dr. R. Ira Barnett is the dean of the conference and is also one of the leaders of the group. Dr. Bliss Wiant is also participating in this conference. Other leaders include Mrs. A. C. Watson, the Rev. Ray W. Nichols, the Rev. Paul Wagner, the Rev. Henry Koestline, Mrs. Fletcher Smith, Miss Edith Goodwin, the Rev. Don Kokomoor and the Rev. David J. Cathcart.

The cost of the Conference is \$11.50 and advance registration, with a \$2.00 registration fee, may be sent to the Older Adult Conference, Box 78, Lakeland, Florida.

chairman of the department of music at Millsaps College and now a candidate for the Ph.D. degree at Boston University; Cyrus Daniel, Director of Musical Activities and University Organist at Vanderbilt University; Glenn Draper, Director of Music for the Lake Junaluska Assembly and Director of Choral Music at Pfeiffer College; and Sam Batt Owens, college organist and Assistant Professor of Music at Birmingham-Southern College.

Myrtle Cawood and Mildred Mullikin, both members of the faculty of Blue Mountain College in Mississippi, will be in charge of the speech and drama courses.

Education courses will be taught by Hazel Adams, supervisor of instruction in Clark County Schools of Kentucky and formerly "crit-

ic" teacher at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Dr. J. W. Fowler is superintendent of the school, with Dr. D. Trigg James as program director.

Courses are being offered for college students, church musicians, high school students preparing for college, teachers wishing to renew their teaching certification, and graduate students in music.

Private lessons may be taken in organ, piano, voice, violin, viola, and speech, according to Dr. Hoppe.

Anyone interested in further details may contact Dr. Hoppe at Wesleyan College.

Reports on White House Conference

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The chief benefits of the White House Conference on Children and Youth are long-range, not immediate and temporary, 43 Methodist delegates agreed at a meeting here March 31. The Rev. David J. Cathcart of Lakeland represented the Florida Council of Churches at the Conference.

The delegates, 28 of whom represented Methodist general boards and agencies and the rest various state organizations, met to share their findings.

Held every 10 years, the week-long conference brought together 7,000 adults and young people from throughout the United States and several other countries.

The Methodist group was impressed by the fact that adults and youth attending the conference were able to discuss problems and issues on the same level. In most local churches, they said, similar discussions fail to bridge the gap between parents and youth.

"Adults in churches and homes need to learn to talk to teen-agers in the twentieth century language," one youth delegate commented.

The Methodist group also said that if American adults, especially parents, read the White House Conference reports they will discover that they have a long way to go in redeeming themselves in the eyes of today's youth, who feel that their elders are failing to face up to the challenges of materialism and other social problems.

"I am confident that not all of the persons who are making attacks upon the Protestant churches are Communists or even Communist sympathizers. But I am fully convinced that they are serving the cause of Communist falsehood as effectively as if they were on the payroll of the Kremlin."

—Bishop William C. Martin

Wesleyan Offers Credit For Work at Junaluska

Wesleyan College will offer academic credit to those attending the Lake Junaluska Summer School of Music and Drama to be held at the North Carolina lake June 29-August 10, Dr. William A. Hoppe, director of the summer school announced today.

Undergraduate credit will be offered in the areas of music, education, and speech and drama. Graduate courses will be available in music.

Eight outstanding artists and teachers will be on the faculty this year. Those in the music department will include: Dr. Hoppe, Associate Dean at Wesleyan College; Holmes Ambrose, former

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New Officers of the Florida Conference of the W.S.C.S.



Here are the new officers of the Florida Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for 1960-1962 as elected at the Annual Meeting held in Miami, April 19-21.

They are: front row, left to right—Mrs. A. M. Elder, Jacksonville, Chairman Committee of Nominations; Mrs. Leroy Schoch, Gainesville, Treasurer; Mrs. C. Duward Johnson, Quincy, Vice-President; Mrs. David R. Thurman, Miami, President; Mrs. Earle Rabb, Winter Haven, Recording Secretary; Mrs. George Stearns, Gainesville, Secretary of Public Relations.

Back row, left to right: Mrs. Allen Watson, Wildwood, Secretary Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. George W. Bohannon, Ft. Lauderdale, Secretary of Missionary Personnel; Mrs. Virgil Morgan, Sarasota, Secretary of Promotion; Mrs. Luther Ray, Tampa, Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild; Mrs. Leroy Northrup, Daytona Beach, Secretary of Youth Work; Mrs. J. Ben Stalvey, South Miami, Secretary of Student Work; Mrs. Maxie B. Lowe, Dunnellon, Secretary of Literature and Publications; Mrs. R. V. Rains, Jacksonville, Secretary of Spiritual Life; Mrs. T. M. Richards, Jr., West Palm Beach, Secretary of Christian Social Relations.

Mrs. Hubert Bussard, Avon Park, Secretary of Children's Work; and Mrs. Grady R. Swope, St. Petersburg, Secretary of Supply Work; were not present when the picture was made.

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Church and Press . . .

"All of us must learn how to tell our story so that it will be heard. Both press and church need to ask the question: Is anybody listening? We must learn how to make the great issues clear. We must tell the people that our present drift will land us on the rocks. We must proclaim that America has to wake up and it is much later than we think. I believe that the ideal combination would be for the press to tell the church how to say it and for the church to tell the press what ought to be said. For the real news is both contemporary and eternal."

—Bishop Gerald Kennedy

For A Happy Family Life . . .

In the famous Church in the Wildwood a brief ceremony was added to the wedding ritual. As the newlyweds left the sanctuary, the pastor would tell

the bride it was the tradition for her to ring the church bell. Invariably, the bride would pull at the bell rope and find herself unable to swing the heavy bell. The pastor would then motion the bridegroom to help her. As the bell rang, the clergyman would say: "Remember, you'll find married life much like the bell rope. It is much easier when you pull together."

—A. Purnell Bailey, GRIT

Dr. Boyd M. McKeown . . .

Nashville, Tenn. — Dr. Boyd M. McKeown, former staff member of the Methodist General Board of Education, died here April 21 after a long illness. He was 68.

Dr. McKeown was secretary of the Department of Public Relations of the Board of Education's Division of Educational Institutions from 1940 to 1952. For ten years before that, he was director of promotion for the Board of Christian Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Affiliated with Parkinson's disease, he went into semi-retirement in 1953 and into full retirement later.

Dr. McKeown was born in Coryell City, Texas, the son of a pioneer Methodist preacher. He graduated from Southern Methodist University and played on the school's first football team. He had a master's degree from University of Chicago and did graduate work in other schools. Centenary College of Louisiana awarded him an honorary doctorate.

Dr. McKeown taught in the public schools of Texas, beginning in a one-teacher rural school. He later became superintendent in a small town school system, and from 1923 to 1930 he was dean of McMurry College, Abilene, Texas.

In 1948, he was given an award for distinguished service to education by the American College Public Relations Association.

Among the survivors are his wife and 2 children.

The YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By HOOVER RUPERT

OUR WORLD IN MINIATURE

Dr. Henry Smith Leiper has done us a real service in describing our world in miniature. His words speak to young and old alike. He suggests that we should imagine the world compressed into a community of 1,000 persons—that means 2½ billion people here figured as 1,000. Here's the contrast we would see:

"Sixty persons would represent the present U.S. population, 940 persons would represent the rest of the world. The 60 Americans would be receiving half the total income of the community, while the 940 persons would have to share the other half.

"Of the 60 Americans in town, 36 would be members of the Christian churches, and 24 would not be. In the whole town there would be 330 Christians and 670 non-Christians. Less than 100 would be Protestant Christians and over 230 would be Roman Catholics.

"Classified as to skin color, 303

would be white and 697 would be classified as colored. The 60 Americans would have a life expectancy of 70 years; all the other 940 would average under 40 years.

"The 60 Americans would possess 15½ times as much goods per person as all the rest of the people. On the average they would produce 16% of the town's total food supply, but would consume all but 1½% of that and keep most of it for their future use in expensive storage equipment. (Most of the 940 non-Americans would always be hungry and never quite know when they would get enough to eat.)

"With the exception of perhaps 200 persons representing Western Europe and a few favored classes in other areas, like South America, South Africa, and Australia, and a few wealthy Japanese, almost all the non-Americans in this imaginary compressed community would be ignorant, poor, hungry, and sick. Half of them would be unable to read or write.

Moreover, half of the people in this community would never have heard of Jesus Christ, or what He taught, and for what He lived and died. On the other hand, more than half would be hearing about

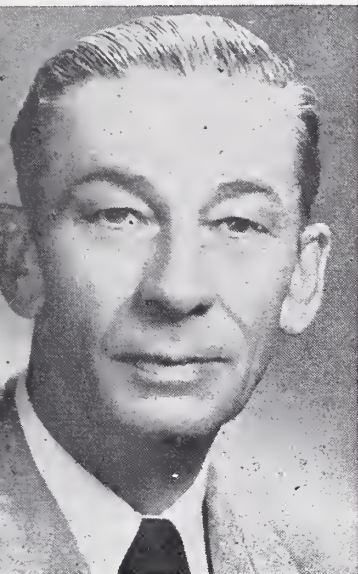
Karl Marx, Nikolai Lenin, Joseph Stalin, and Nikita Khrushchev.

"In view of these facts it is interesting to contemplate that the average Christian American family would be spending \$850 each year for military defense and less than \$3.50 a year to share their Christian Faith with the rest of the people in the community.

"Out of the average income of \$2,500 per year, the gift of each American for all purposes other than private and personal gifts would average less than \$55 per year. This might raise a question as to how seriously he regards the Christian faith or the meaning of Christmas with its emphasis on peace on earth and good will among men."

Rather a graphic and challenging way to take a look at our world today. Reducing the facts and figures to miniature can point up our privileged situation here in America. But it also points up our position of responsibility in a far more vividly demanding way than when we consider the rest of the world in impersonal billions of figures. As a matter of fact, it pretty well puts today's American Christian squarely on the spot!

THESE ARE DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE



DR. J. WALLACE HAMILTON
 pastor of the Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg, and one of the outstanding pulpits of the nation.



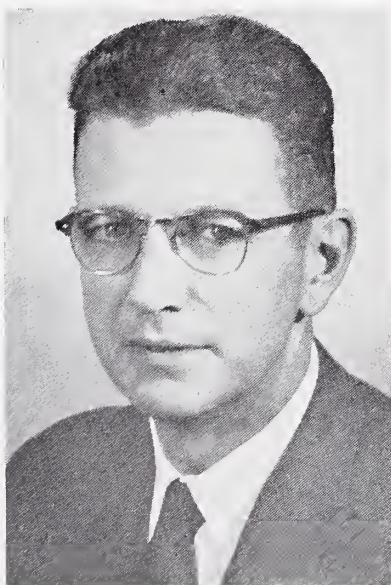
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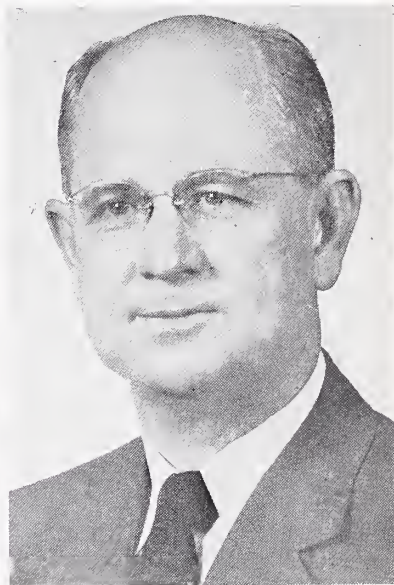
DR. ALBERT DALE HAGLER
 pastor of First Church, West Palm Beach. A former District Superintendent, Dr. Hagler was a member of General Conference, 1956.



MRS. A. R. IVEY
 New Smyrna Beach. Mrs. Ivey is the President of the Florida Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, 1952-1956, and was a member of the General Conference of 1956.



DR. CHARLES T. THRIFT, JR.
 President of Florida Southern College, Lakeland. Intensely interested in ministerial training, Dr. Thrift was Dean of the Florida Pastor's School for many years along with his other duties.



DR. GEORGE A. FOSTER
 pastor of Park Temple, Fort Lauderdale, and President of the Board of Education. Dr. Foster was a member of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of 1952.

We have been unable to secure photographs of Dr. Fred Noble of Jacksonville and Robert T. Mann of the Tampa District who are lay delegates to the Conference. Mr. Noble is a former Conference Lay Leader, a former member of the Judicial

Council (the Supreme Court of The Methodist Church) and was a member of the General Conferences of 1940, 1944, 1948 and 1952.

Mr. Mann, a Tampa attorney and a state legislator, is the Lay Leader of the Tampa District.

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MONDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 6th

4:00 P.M. Conference Business Session
Devotions, Bishop Arthur J. Moore
Address of Welcome—The Rev. C. M. Cotton, host-pastor
Organization of the Conference
Report of Committee on Nominations
Composite Report of the District Superintendents
The Rev. P. M. Boyd of Miami District



Rev. Cotton

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 6th

7:30 P.M. Conference Session
The Conference Memorial Service—The Rev. W. A. Myres, Presiding
Memorial Address—The Rev. John J. Rooks, pastor First Methodist Church, Ft. Myers
The Lord's Supper administered by the Bishop and Cabinet

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 7th

9:00 A.M. Conference Business Session
Devotions
Reports:
(1) Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service—Mrs. Howard V. Weems, President
(2) Conference Board of Lay Activities—Mr. R. H. Berg, Conference Lay Leader
(3) Conference Statistician—The Rev. M. E. Myer
(4) Commission on Church Extension—The Rev. M. C. Cleveland, Chairman
(5) The Conference Board of Missions—The Rev. M. C. Cleveland
11:40 A.M. Sermon—Dr. W. R. Cannon, Dean of Candler School of Theology
12:30 P.M. Adjournment
Garrett Biblical Institute luncheon

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 7th

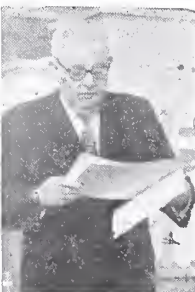
2:30 P.M. Conference Session
Devotions
Reports:
(1) Florida Council of Churches—The Rev. Jack A. Davis, Executive Secretary
(2) Conference Board of Evangelism—The Rev. J. W. Blake, Chairman
(3) Christian Literature
The Methodist Publishing House
The Florida Methodist—The Rev. Charles A. Thompson, Editor
The American Bible Society—The Rev. T. Newton Wise, Secretary
6:00 P.M. Boston University Dinner
S. M. U. Dinner

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 7th

7:30 P.M. Public Worship Service
Anniversary of the Conference Board of Evangelism and the Conference Board of Missions
Address: Bishop Arthur J. Moore

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 8th

9:00 A.M. Conference Session
Devotions
Reports:



Bishop Moore

- (1) Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications—The Rev. Gaylon L. Howe, Chairman
Disciplinary Questions 21-34 of Paragraph 651
- (2) Board of Pensions and Preacher's Relief Board—The Rev. C. C. Frazier, Chairman
- (3) Commission on World Service and Finance—The Rev. Lewis N. Head, Chairman
- (4) Conference Treasurer—The Rev. C. H. Voss

11:00 A.M. Service for Retired Ministers of the Conference
Address—The Rev. E. Nash Philpot, Pastor of First Methodist Church, St. Augustine
Response—Dr. Ludd M. Spivey
11:40 A.M. Sermon—Dr. W. R. Cannon
12:30 P.M. Adjournment
Emory Luncheon



Dr. Spivey

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 8th

2:30 P.M. Conference Session
Devotions
Reports:
(1) Board of Hospitals and Homes—The Rev. O. N. Nelson, Chairman
(2) Florida Methodist Children's Home—The Rev. Shuler Peele, Chairman
(3) Quadrennial Committee on the Local Church—The Rev. John J. Rooks, Chairman
(4) Christian Vocations—The Rev. T. G. Mitchell, Chairman
(5) Deaconess Board—The Rev. T. G. Mitchell, Chairman
(6) Conference Group Insurance—The Rev. B. F. Gannaway
Miscellaneous Business
4:30 P.M. Adjournment
5:30 Directors of Christian Education Dinner at College Heights Rural Fellowship Banquet—The Commons
5:30 P.M. Youth Banquet—Wesley Memorial Church

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 8th

7:30 P.M. Public Worship Service
Youth Program—The Rev. Warren W. Willis, Conference Director of Youth Work, presiding
Greetings from the Youth of Florida Conference—Jim Gronquist, President
Address—The Rev. George A. Foster, Pastor of Park Temple Methodist Church, Ft. Lauderdale

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 9th

9:00 A.M. Conference Session
Devotions
Reports:
(1) Conference Board of Education—The Rev. George A. Foster, Chairman
(2) Quadrennial Commission on Higher Education—The Rev. A. Dale Hagler, Chairman
(3) Florida Southern College Endowment Commission—The Rev. J. H. Daniel
(4) Florida Southern College—Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., President

- (5) Conference Committee on Stewardship—The Rev. Joe A. Tolle, Chairman
 Recognition of Chaplains and other visitors
 40 A.M. Sermon—Dr. W. R. Cannon
 30 P.M. Adjournment
 12:30 P.M. Preachers' Wives Luncheon in Ordway Building at the College
 12:30 P.M. Conference Board of Lay Activities at New Florida Hotel

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 9th

- 30 P.M. Conference Session
 Devotions
 Reports:
 (1) Conference Board of Christian Social Relations
 (2) Goodwill Industries—The Rev. Robert C. Adair, Secretary
 Miscellaneous Business
 6:00 P.M. Organizational meeting of new Quad-

rennial Boards and Commissions in rooms assigned

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 9th

- 7:30 P.M. Public Worship Service
 Anniversary of Conference Board of Lay Activities—Mr. R. H. Berg, Conference Lay Leader, presiding
 Address—Mr. Robert G. Mayfield, Executive Secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 10th

- 9:00 A.M. Conference Session
 Devotions
 Report of Committee on Resolutions
 Conclusion of Conference Business
 Service of Ordination of Deacons and Elders—Bishop Arthur J. Moore, and the District Superintendents and Elders
 Reading of the Pastoral Assignments
 12:30 P.M. Adjournment

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD



From left to right: Dr. Morelock, R. H. Berg, Dr. Calame

The first life membership in the Florida Methodist Men has been awarded to Dr. George L. Morelock, long-time executive and leader of men's work in The Methodist Church.

Presentation of the life membership pin and a life membership certificate to the 80-year-old Dr. Morelock was highlighted at the meeting of Methodist Men in First Church, Coral Gables, Fla., on May 5. Dr. Don L. Calame of Chicago, director of the department of Methodist Men of the church's General Board of Lay Activities, made the presentation to Dr. Morelock.

Dr. Morelock retired from the

executive secretaryship of the board in 1948 after serving more than 25 years in lay activities work. While working in the church, he led a movement to establish a Board of Lay Activities in the former M. E. Church, South, and was head of that work from 1922 to 1940. Following unification of the three major Methodist bodies, Dr. Morelock came to Chicago to head the total program of laymen's work in the new Methodist Church. He is the author of several books on Christian stewardship and laymen's work.

Prior to assuming his work with the Board of Lay Activities, Dr. Morelock was an educator, teach-

ing in a number of private schools and serving for several years as president of McFerrin School in Martin, Tenn. He is a graduate of the University of the South with Phi Beta Kappa honors.

Dr. Calame said that when the Board of Lay Activities developed the plan of life membership in Methodist Men, "we naturally turned to Dr. Morelock as the most logical first recipient of the honor."

R. H. Berg of Melbourne, Fla., lay leader of the Florida Conference and vice president of the General Board of Lay Activities, read a number of telegrams and letters from bishops, conference lay leaders and others who extended their congratulations to Dr. Morelock.

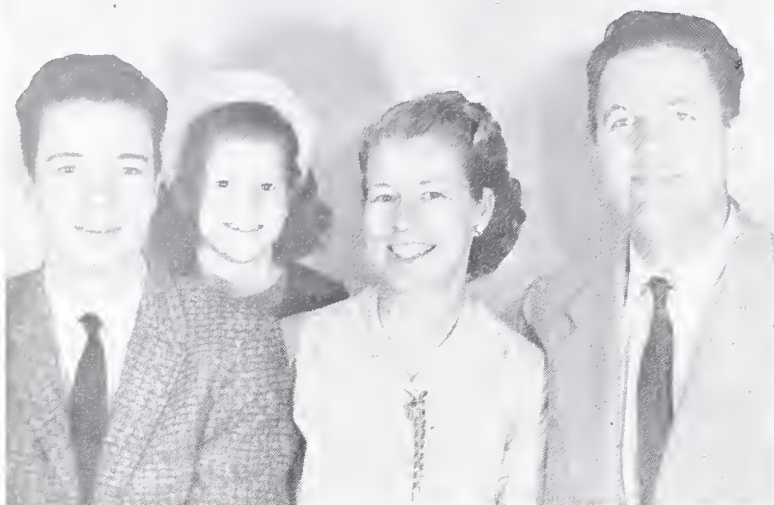
Glenn Gold, Miami district lay leader, assisted in arrangements for the special service of recognition. Hower Kimbrell is president of the Coral Gables Methodist Men.

"It is our plan to present the No. 2 pin to E. Dow Bancroft," Dr. Calame said, pointing out that Mr. Bancroft was long associated with the men's work program of the former M. E. Church and later served with Dr. Morelock in the united church. Presentation of his life membership pin is scheduled in connection with the meeting of the Ohio Annual Conference at Lakeside, O., June 7-12. Mr. Bancroft, who has been retired from the board's staff for several years, resides at Urbana, Ohio.

116 NEW MEMBERS

St. Paul's, Tallahassee, received 116 new members, 44 of them on Confession of Faith, on Palm Sunday to set a new record for that church. Pre-Easter Devotional Breakfasts were held each morning during Holy Week and the pastor, the Rev. Leo F. King, conducted a memorial service honoring all members of the church who had passed away during the year on Easter Sunday night.

THE HILLENDAHL'S REVEAL THEIR PLANS



Don, Francine, Mary Lou and Lou Hillendahl

The following paragraphs of a letter from the Hillendahls tell something of the past life and activities and the future plans of this fine missionary family.

"Our home has been in Florida for many years although Lou was born in Denver, Colorado and Mary Lou in Houston, Texas. After our marriage we moved to Florida and since 1942 have claimed Florida as home. We moved to Starke in 1954 where Lou was employed as an engineer with Humphrey Gold Corp. and the DuPont Company. Mary Lou worked as bookkeeper for Starke Builders' Supplies.

"Following our decision to go into full-time Christian service we applied to the Methodist Board of Missions and were accepted to serve as missionaries to Southern Rhodesia, Africa. In June, 1958 Lou was appointed to serve as student pastor of Kathleen Methodist Church, Kathleen, Florida for one year. During that year both of us attended Florida Southern College in Lakeland. In June, 1959 we transferred to Scarritt College for Christian Workers in Nashville, Tennessee where we have been studying for the past year. We were commissioned as missionaries at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. in January, 1960. We will receive our B.A. degrees from Scarritt College on June 2, 1960, leaving Nashville immediately for Florida and a visit to our home church, then go on to Annual Conference in Lakeland. We will go from Florida to Greencastle, Indiana on June 11 for the annual meeting of new and furloughed missionaries which lasts for ten days.

"Upon leaving there we will go to Houston, Texas for a visit with

our families and then on to New York, sailing from there on July 28 on the German ship 'Bremen'. We will spend several weeks in England working with the British Medical secretary and visiting some British hospitals and learning some of the English procedures. From England we will drive through Europe in our Volkswagen (to be picked up in Germany) and board our ship for Africa in Italy. We expect to arrive in the Union of South Africa in November, 1960 and visit a mission hospital in Durban, South Africa, another in the Transvaal, then a final one in Southern Rhodesia. After a period of language study we will proceed to our assignment at Nyadiri, Southern Rhodesia. We will serve there as administrators of the Washburn Memorial Hospital.

"Mary Lou will do the book-keeping and office work while Lou will supervise all maintenance and new construction and handle the other necessary administrative duties. It is a challenging opportunity and we are quite anxious to be on our way."

"Our children, son, Don age 16 and daughter, Francine age 9, will accompany us and will attend boarding school at Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia which is approximately 85 miles from the Nyadiri Mission Station."

52 NEW MEMBERS

The Rev. William W. Roughton, Goss Memorial, Orlando, received 52 new members on Palm Sunday bringing the total for the year to 156, a net gain of 120 members. The Maundy Thursday Communion was preceded by Stainer's "Crucifixion" sung by the chancel choir.

Purely Personal

First Church, Sarasota, gave their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Floyd W. Cooper, an all-expense trip by air to the General Conference as a Christmas gift. Thus, it is Christmas in May for the Coopers.

The Rev. W. S. Bozeman of First Church, Tampa, was preacher to the Wesleyan Service Guild at their Annual Guild Week-end in Leesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gold of Miami have gone to General Conference by way of Guatemala and San Francisco. Mr. Gold, is one of the Lay Delegates to the Conference.

The Rev. Harold Miller of First Church, Dade City, was preacher at the Easter Sunrise service sponsored by the Ministerial Association.

BUILDINGS and IMPROVEMENTS

The Fellowship Hall of the Lakeside Church, Lake Worth, was opened for use on April 3. More than 300 members and friends attended the first service conducted by the Rev. John B. Bass, pastor, and the Sunday School had a record attendance of 185 pupils.

Members of the Lakeland district "Builders of New Churches" were called upon in April for contributions toward the erection of the first unit of a permanent plant for the Indian Lake Estates Methodist Church located in a new development near Lake Wales. The church, organized last October, already has over 50 members. The Rev. T. R. Jones, a retired army chaplain, is serving as pastor.

Seminole Heights Church, Tampa, had a special Church Conference April 10 and a special Quarterly Conference April 13 to approve detailed plans and specifications for a new educational unit and to authorize the borrowing of money if necessary to complete the building.

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Chain of Missions Reports

The Florida Chain of Mission-Assemblies reports a successful program this year and the completion of thirty years of this interdenominational missionary project. The program is unique in Florida with the exception of Indiana where a Chain of Missions was started two years ago. The Chain began in Florida with the School of Missions in DeLand in 1910 and in St. Petersburg in 1911. It became the Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies in 1930 when six cities united to bring a group of missionaries to participate in this interdenominational program supported by the local churches.

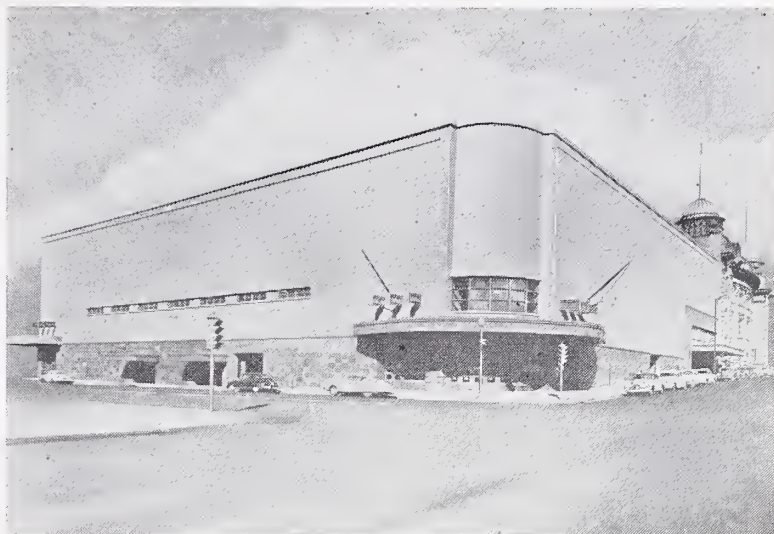
The 1960 program brought to the state 28 Christian Ambassadors, as the speakers are called. This year nearly 600 churches participated in sponsoring the Chain in nineteen cities which serve as centers for the meetings. Over \$600 was contributed mostly through the one dollar sponsorship cards distributed to the churches. A total of \$4,270 was received from the last night's offering for three interdenominational projects—The Florida Christian Ministry to Migrants, Church World Service for work with refugees and the World Literacy and Christian Literature program in Africa.

The Ambassadors represented 12 denominations and 20 different countries or mission fields. Besides eight whose mission is within the United States. They were obtained through the cooperation of seven denomination-mission boards including the Methodist Board of World Missions and the National Council of Churches. Besides speaking in churches on Sunday and at Chain meetings including special meetings for youth and for young adults, the Ambassadors were in more than 60 schools and over 60 civic clubs.

The meetings of the Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies are always open to all regardless of color, race or creed, without segregated seating.

Spring Folders announcing times and dates for the 1961 program will be available after May from City Chairmen or the State Director, Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies, 925½ - 16th Avenue North, St. Petersburg 4, Florida. Information about the speakers will be available by cities at the middle of November.

Gertrude L. Schermerhorn, State Director



Denver's City Auditorium, where the 1960 General Conference convened April 27, is within easy walking distance of the downtown hotels. The auditorium has a complete new annex providing full convention facilities. Under the same roof is a theatre in which some of the meetings will be held. —Credit Hopwood Studio

Preaching and Mass Communications Workshop

Ministers will learn to plan and produce radio and television programs, write and deliver more effective sermons and in general to make skillful use of mass communication this summer at Emory University.

The occasion will be the third annual workshop on the Art of Preaching and Mass Communications sponsored by the E. Stanley Jones Institute of Communicative Arts and Emory University June 21 through July 7.

Each afternoon laboratory clinics from 3 to 5 p.m. will provide experience in the special interest of the minister. There will be clinics in writing, speech, radio and television production and a pulpit clinic.

Those interested in radio will use the facilities of the Protestant Radio and Television Center. Students of television will use videotape equipment and other facilities of Atlanta's educational television station.

Dr. G. Ray Jordan, professor of homiletics (preaching) at Emory, will conduct the pulpit clinic. Preaching before microphones and video-tape cameras will make self-analysis possible.

Mrs. Anne Griffin of the English department, Columbia College, will conduct the writing clinic. George Neely, associate professor of speech at Emory, is to be in charge of the speech clinic.

The radio and television productions clinics will have expert help from Dr. John W. Bachman, professor of practical theology at Union Theological Seminary; Carl

Degen, Protestant Radio and Television Center; Haskell Boyter, manager WETV, Atlanta; and the Rev. James Campbell, Television, Radio and Film Commission of the Methodist Church, Nashville.

During the morning hours ministers will hear lectures on "The Nature of the Church and Political Concerns" by Dr. E. Clinton Gardner and guest speakers.

Also in the morning, Dr. Bachman will talk on "Broadcasting Religion" and Miss Griffin and Mr. Neely will discuss effective communication, dealing with the use of the voice, writing skills, and the development of dramatic arts in communication.

In the evenings Dr. Roy A. Burkhardt, minister emeritus of First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio, will lecture on "The Minister as a Channel."

Four quarter hours of academic credit are available if the participant is working toward a degree in any college, seminary or university. Costs will be about \$100 including room and meals. Some scholarships are available. Further information can be obtained from Dr. G. Ross Freeman, Bishops Hall, Emory University, Atlanta 22, Georgia.

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In the April first METHODIST WOMAN there is a story—"The 20th Annual meeting" of The Woman's Division of Christian Service at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. There were some 250 women—Division members and staff, some Jurisdiction officers, secretaries of lines of work, conference presidents, special term missionaries, and deaconess guests attending. It is hoped you will read or have read excerpts of action and addresses from this meeting. As we go to press The 20th Annual meeting of the Florida Conference Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild will be a pleasant memory, however we pray each delegate and guest who attended will be a delegate of one to tell the good things that were done and said at this meeting to those who were unable to attend. We hope to bring further glimpses of the meeting to you in the June issue of THE FLORIDA METHODIST.

We would like to give to you THE THEME and Emphasis for the next quadrennium which was given by Mrs. C. A. Meeker, Editor of THE METHODIST WOMAN at the Buck Hill Falls meeting, which will appear in the May first Methodist Woman, and will be ready for distribution at summer school. The THEME — OUR MISSION TODAY.

The Faith that Compels Us—to bring to bear on all human life the spirit and principles of Christ.

Factors That Confront Us—Rapid social change. New Patterns of family life. Population explosions. International tensions. Changing trends in missions.

Frontiers That Call Us—Secularism. Resurgence of non-Christian religions. Barriers of race and culture. Urbanization. Nationalism.

The Program That Unites Us In Witness and Service—Developing the spiritual life, studying the needs of the world, strengthening the local church, improving community, national and world conditions, recruiting workers, securing funds for the support of the work at home and abroad.

The THEME for the monthly programs of Societies and Guilds for the year 1960-61 "The Word . . . in Our Midst," will be available June first 1960, from Litera-

ture Headquarters. The First program for September is "The Overall Purpose of Woman's Societies and Guilds." "The Chart and Compass" by Mrs. J. Fount Tillman interprets this purpose as stated in the Discipline of The Methodist Church. This program should give an excellent start for the year with a better understanding of "OUR MISSION TODAY."

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD—The Fifteenth Annual guild Weekend had an attendance of 360 at The Methodist Youth Camp, Leesburg, April 1-3. Guest speakers for the meeting were Mrs. David C. Cathcart, President, S.E. Jurisdiction Woman's Society & Guild, Miss Charlotte Lewis of Orlando, A3, special term missionary home from Africa and Dr. W. S. Bozeman, Minister, First Church, Tampa.

A total of 156 Guilds of the Florida Conference made a pledge to Missions for 1960-61 of \$24,086, an increase of 7 per cent over last year. The LOVE OFFERING of \$1,547.05 will be used for furnishings for the Bishop John Branscomb Memorial Building, in Lakeland.

Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy of Tampa, who has served as Conference Secretary for the past five years was presented a Patron Membership in the Woman's Society and The Wesleyan Service Guild by the membership of the state. The presentation was made by Mrs. Thelma Damewood, with Mrs. Weems pinning the pin on Mrs. Lovejoy. The amount of the membership pin was oversubscribed and the balance will be used for a Crusade Scholarship.

Officers elected for the next two years were: MRS. LUTHER RAY, Conference Secretary; MRS. FRANK MCGREW, Rec. Secretary; MRS. THELMA DAMEWOOD, Chr. Spiritual Life; MISS MAE EVERITT, Chr. Missionary Education and Service; MISS GLADYS McFARLIN, Chr. Christian Social Relations; MRS. FRED GRADY, Chr. of Supply Work; MRS. JENNIE TAPP, Chr. Literature and Publications; MISS NINA BRATTON, Chr. Comm. on Nominations; Members of Comm. on Nominations: MRS. JANET PURCELL, MISS OLIVE HORTON. Members of Standing Committee of Conference Woman's Society, Mrs. H. V.

Weems and Mrs. Allen Watson.

JACKSONVILLE DIST. W.S.G.—Annual meeting was held February 26th with a dinner meeting in the Southside Methodist Church with 157 guilders in attendance. The minister Dr. Jack Anderson gave the invocation. Miss Virginia Burner, Dist. Sec. presided at a short business session with guests seated around the dinner table, at which time the following officers were elected: Miss Nina Bratton, Dist. Sec.; Miss Louise Medcraft, Asst. Sec.; Mrs. Alice Clay, Rec. Sec. and Publicity; Mrs. F. J. Smith, Chr. of Spiritual Life; Mrs. C. E. Speer, Chr. Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. C. E. Little, Co-Chr. Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. Ben Robertson, Chr. Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Clyde McIntyre, Chr. of Supply Work; Mrs. Madelon N. Wild, Chr. Literature and Publications; Co-Chr. Miss Lavinia Johnson; Mrs. Don McDonald, Chr. on Nominations; Mrs. P. W. Baungardner and Mrs. Louis C. Holloway, Members at Large from The Woman's Society.

Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy of Tampa, Conf. Sec. of W.S.G. was a guest and installed the new officers in the Sanctuary where the pledge service was held. During the business session Mrs. Don McDonald presented Miss Burner, on behalf of the Guilds of the Jacksonville Dist. with an Honorary Membership in the Woman's Society and The Wesleyan Service Guild. An interesting fact came to the attention of the guest and members in a statement in the program—the organizational meeting of The Guild was held in First Methodist Church October 2, 1940 with Mrs. Iola Barrett, of Riverside Park Church being the first District Secretary. There were 1,595 Charter members and at the present time there are 4,439.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT WOMAN'S SOCIETY — Annual meeting was held in the Southside Church March 16th. Mrs. David Cathcart and Mrs. H. V. Weems were special guests. There were over 400 in attendance including 32 ministers. A large candle in the form of The World, prepared by Miss Barbara Moulton of Riverside Wesleyan Service Guild, was lighted and burned for more than one hour for the \$1256.61—given

through the World Banks of the district. The Dist. Supt. installed the newly elected officers and secretaries of lines of work. Present Mrs. Ralph Perkins and Vice President Mrs. Geo. B. Williams were reelected; Mrs. J. B. Thompson, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. L. F. Shore, Treasurer.

RIVERSIDE PARK WOMAN'S SOCIETY SEES ORIGINAL DRA-MA — Mrs. John H. Hanger and C. H. J. Downey, Jr., collaborated in writing and producing an original play which was given at the annual Fellowship luncheon March 1st. The play "A Review of Life," portrayed the life of John Wesley and was presented in four acts, reviewing his religious experiences leading up to Aldersgate and interspersed with music which influenced his life. Dr. Hanger played the part of John Wesley at the age of 80 years and Dr. Downey portrayed his life as a young man thirty. Others participating were Mrs. Downey, Mr. Robert O. Hoffelt and John Hanger, Jr. All the actors were authentically costumed. The play opened with the Reverend Wesley seated at a high desk to the far right of the stage writing his memoirs. He spoke the words as he wrote and at intervals portray some highly significant period of his life—the spot-light could be taken from him and cast on characters which appeared on stage and play the scene enacted that period.

GIA Conference Woman's Society Spiritual Life Retreat, March 8 and 9, 1960 at Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons Island. Theme for this Retreat was "Christ's Life—our Code." Scripture verse, 2nd Peter; 18—"Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." Worship services were held in the Lovely Lane Chapel with Mrs. Arthur J. Moore bringing the inspirational message using as her theme for the three different sessions: 1st "A Look at Ourselves" 2nd "A Look at our Resources" and 3rd "A look at our World." Those attending from Florida were: from Titusville, Orlando Dist., Mrs. Douglas Barnhart, Mrs. Bill Williams, Mrs. J. C. Patterson and Mrs. K. W. Martin. Williston, Gainesville Dist. Mrs. D. B. Barton; Monticello, Tallahassee Dist., Mrs. D. D. Diefenwirth, Mrs. Pat W. McBride, Jr.; Jacksonville Dist., Yulee, Mrs. Graham Paige, Mrs. R. Johnson; Hendricks Memorial, Mrs. F. B. Seghers, Mrs. R. Q. Tucker, Mrs. J. M. Parks, Sr., Mrs. W. H. Miles; Snyder Memorial, Mrs. J. R. Timmins, Mrs. Eula Skidmore; Lakeshore, Mrs. R. E. Perkins; Ortega, Mrs. A. M. Elder; Westconnette, Mrs. M. L. Reed; Avondale, Mrs. W. A. Yearty.

LAKELAND DISTRICT. Mrs. S. Lloyd Frisbie of Bartow sends to us the list of newly elected officers and Secretaries of Lines of Work, but we will only mention

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT: The reports from this District Annual meeting were encouraging in spite of the bad weather. There were



Mrs. White

154 members and guests with 16 pastors and the Dist. Supt. The Rev. Mr. J. E. McKinley. Mrs. H. V. Weems of Sebring and Mrs. E. B. White of Jacksonville, were guest each bringing an inspiring message. Mrs. Bruce Gray of Hastings was

elected president of the District, and Mrs. Mark Hulsey of Crescent City, District Secretary of Promotion.

Mrs. Maxie B. Lowe, Dist. Pres. has sent to us the following story from a former president of one of the local societies in the Gainesville District. This dear lady writes she will be 88 years young, June 2nd, 1960 and has been a member of the Society for 20 years, has only missed one meeting, having served the society as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and secretary of supply work. She has been ill but writes she is slowly regaining her good health and wants to get back into the wonderful work. She has written the little parody which she read at the regular meeting. It is called "OUR LIVES."

"I know our record has not been perfect. Neither has this WSCS work been light, When St. Peter sees what we have done here, He will say, "Good ladies, you need have no fear, There is a special white mansion set aside, Where all WSCS women will forever abide." Then the recording Angel will put a sign on the gate, That will make all other people shiver and shake. A sign that will read like this: 'All newcomers must be closely examined for sin, Before they can reach Eternal Bliss'. But when, we come, St. Peter will look again, And say, 'Here comes a bunch of WSCS women — They need never be examined for sin. Then he will open the gate and we'll walk right in'.

WEST PALM BEACH DISTRICT: Mrs. G. A. Griffis tells us First Church Melbourne was hostess for their District meeting on March 18th, which was preceded by a District Re-treat and a Courtesy dinner for District officers and guests, Mrs. H. V. Weems and Mrs. E. B. White. In spite of the extremely bad weather the attendance on the 18th was 225, including 18 ministers and 4 conference officers. Dr. H. W. Blackburn, Dist. Supt. installed the new officers. Everyone reported this meeting



Left to right: Dr. John Howard Hanger, Mrs. Hanger, Dr. H. Jackson Downey, Mrs. Downey

Dr. Hanger is minister of the church, Dr. Downey associate minister and Mr. Robert Hoffelt minister of music. A special guest the morning was Mrs. Ralph Perkins, Pres. of the Jacksonville Woman's Society. Mrs. W. Hugh Matthews, Pres. of Riverside Park Society presided and Mrs. Alton A. Ward, vice-Pres. presented the program. Mrs. J. R. Gunter and her committee were in charge of the luncheon and Mrs. Vincent J. did the floral arrangements. There were 19 women of the Conference Woman's Society who attended the SOUTH GEOR-

the officers at this time for lack of space and give to you the secretaries in the next copy. For Pres. Mrs. Stanton Lander; Vice-Pres. Mrs. Sydney Houston; Rec. Sec. Mrs. E. R. Burkhardt; Treas. Miss Fannie Pope. Officers were installed by The Rev. R. A. Alley, Dist. Supt. at the meeting in the Beymer Memorial Church, Winter Haven, March 24th with 413 members including 15 ministers present. Mrs. Holland A. Kelley of Bartow, Dist. Treas., retired after serving eight years. She was presented with a Special membership pin.

one of the best ever held and felt the Spiritual Life Retreat was responsible for the fine spirit shown throughout the day.

TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT. Mrs. Lyon B. Crosby, Dist. Sec. of Promotion has sent to us a few items of interest of this District meeting held March 15th in Centenary Church, Quincy. Like the Gainesville and West Palm Beach Districts, the women of Tallahassee District had bad weather, but there were 147 brave souls, including ministers with 25 Societies represented. Mrs. H. V. Weems and Miss Ruth Mayhall, Deaconess of Rosa Valdez Settlement, Tampa were guests. New officers elected and installed were: Mrs. Lyon B. Crosby, Pres.; Mrs. Aubrey Fowler, Vice-Pres.; Rec. Sec. Mrs. R. H. Strickland; Mrs. Shuler Peele, Treas.

SARASOTA DISTRICT — Mrs. James A. Smith, Sec. of Promotion has sent us the number attending District Annual meeting as 257 with 34 societies out of 37 represented, also 12 ministers. She also said the various Societies wore tags representing some industry or a particular feature of their locality, like hand painted shells, hand painted hibiscus, oranges and milk bottles, even some wearing luscious strawberries. A feature of the meeting was a special love offering, in recognition of Mrs. Weems' service to the Fla. Conference which will be used for some specific furnishing for the Branscomb Memorial Building and some Cuba project of her choice. We will report the amount of this offering at a later date, also the new officers.

MIAMI DISTRICT — Mrs. T. E. Groome, Dist. Sec. of promotion reports their District meeting was held in Rader Memorial Church, March 10th with 467 in attendance, which included 44 ministers. New officers elected and installed by Mrs. H. V. Weems were: Pres. Mrs. D. D. Richardson; Vice-Pres. Mrs. Jack W. Graham; Rec. Sec. Mrs. Lawrence Davis; Treas. Mrs. William J. Salemm. Dates for officer training days are: Riverside May 4; Kendall, May 25; St. Paul's, June 1st.

ST. PETERSBURG DISTRICT — Mrs. Thos. C. Kern tells us the 5th Annual meeting of the St. Petersburg District was held March 23rd with Mrs. Grady K. Swope presiding. The meeting was held in the new Pasadena Community Church with Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton bringing the morning meditation. Forty-one of the 44 churches in the District were represented with a record attendance of 787 including 35 ministers.

A check for \$900.00 was presented to the Crusade Scholarship Fund in honor of Mrs. Swope from the local societies. A tribute to

Mrs. Swope for her service, generosity and leadership during the past five years was lead by Mrs. Herbert Grant and Mrs. Paul Shaw in behalf of the District. Mrs. Ruel Gilbert, Pres. of First Church, St. Petersburg, presented Mrs. Swope with a lovely bouquet of red roses from her home society.

Mrs. Ross B. Hall, accompanied by Mrs. Theodore Gray, both of St. Luke's Church brought special music at the afternoon session. Mrs. Edwin B. White and Mrs. Howard V. Weems were speakers. Officers elected were: Pres. Mrs. Paul D. Shaw; Vice-Pres. Mrs. Gordon Greenhill; Rec. Sec. Mrs. A. T. Shaffer; Treas. Mrs. Thos. C. Kern.

TAMPA DISTRICT — Mrs. Bruce N. Moellers sends to us news of the Annual meeting held in Hyde Park Church, March 22, with 500 members and friends, including ministers present. The invocation and scripture reading were given by the Rev. Laurie G. Ray, minister. The Associate minister, the Rev. Mr. Richard England, directed special music in the morning and afternoon sessions. Mrs. Raymond White, Dist. Pres. presided. Mrs. E. B. White and Mrs. H. V. Weems were speakers for the day. District officers of the Woman's Society and The Guild entertained Mrs. Weems and Mrs. White with a dinner the evening before the meeting at Wolff Settlement.

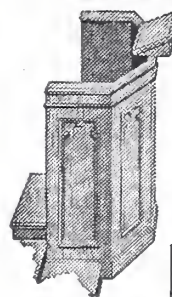
The District burned a candle on the Altar as a symbol of material gifts given "over and above" the pledge through the WORLD BANKS to honor missionaries who have gone into the mission field from this District or are serving in Tampa. Just as this candle sheds forth its light, symbolic of the Light of Christ, it is a privilege of the Tampa District in its humble way to render a tiny fraction of this light back to its source.

The Tampa District humbly honor and acknowledge the con-

secration and the dedication of the following Deaconesses and Missionary. **MISSIONARY** to Cuba — Miss Sara E. Fernandez.

DEACONESS — Helen O. Gibson (retired); Dorothea M. Reid, Ruth Mayhall, Cleo Barber and Clarice Elliott.

Chaplain James A. Burris of the Veterans Administration Hospital, Lake City, is one of 12 Methodist chaplains named to be an observer at the General Conference now in session.



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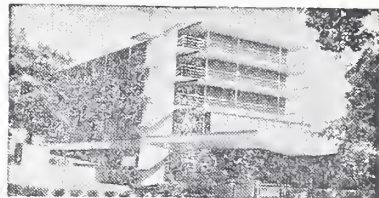
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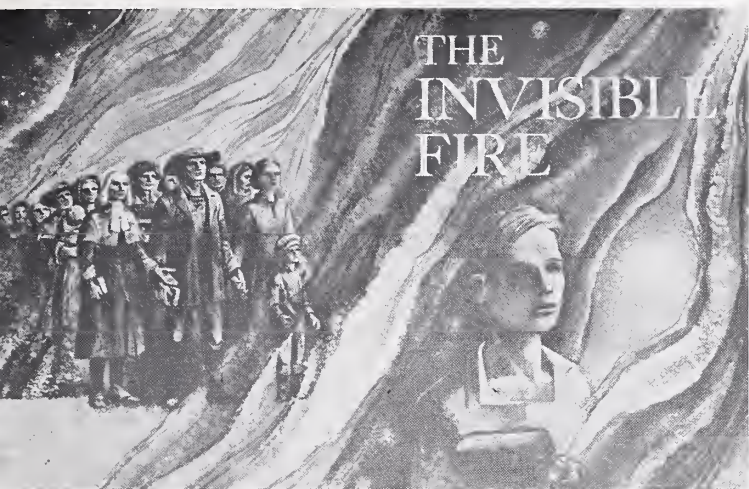
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In the above illustration Artist Lynd Ward interprets the mood of a special program which is being sponsored by the Council of Secretaries of The Methodist Church at General Conference in Denver, Colorado, May 4. It will be used as a wrap-around cover of a 64-page souvenir booklet. The program, "The Invisible Fire—Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," is designed to show The Methodist Church's life in the past, its work today, and its place in the future. The presentation begins at 8 p.m. in Denver's Municipal Auditorium. Copies of the souvenir booklet will be available from the Methodist Publishing House at \$1 each.

States Adopt Church Property Laws

ashville, Tenn. — Both Alabama and Mississippi now have laws which, if constitutional, will allow churches to withdraw from their parent denomination rather than accept forced integration. The laws do not mention The Methodist Church, integration, or segregation.

However, the Mississippi Association of Methodist Ministers and Men had this to say about the Mississippi law: "Our legal advisers are of the opinion that this is not only constitutional, but enable the local churches to resist integration."

The association is described as being a "volunteer organization devoted to respect and maintain local customs in churches, schools, conferences and jurisdictions."

Although some Methodists back the legislation in both states, many Methodists voiced their opposition.

Some lawyers doubt that such laws as the Alabama and Mississippi statutes, if invoked, would hold up in court. However, other lawyers hold that they may be constitutional.

There are on record cases in which courts denied attempts of Methodist churches to withdraw from the parent body and retain their local church property.

Following are some excerpts from the Mississippi law:

When a majority of the local beneficiaries of any educational, charitable or religious trust . . .

shall determine that there exists a deep-seated and irreconcilable hostility or tension between them and any or all of the trustees or others in authority exercising control over the administration of such trust; then, and in such events, said majority of the local beneficiaries may file a bill of complaint in the chancery court of the county wherein any part of the corpus of said trust is situated, setting forth the grounds for relief as stated herein and praying for a decree of the court discharging all existing trustees and all others in authority exercising control over the administration of such trust (by whatever name designated) and for the appointment of other trustees who shall, upon their appointment and qualification in conformity with the terms of the decree of the chancery court, thereupon become vested with complete control and authority over the corpus of said trust. All successor-trustees so appointed and qualified shall be citizens of the State of Mississippi, residing within the jurisdiction of the court appointing them, and who shall be a local beneficiary as defined in . . . this Act."

An earlier church property bill was introduced in the Mississippi legislature, but findings of legal counsel employed by the Mississippi Association of Methodist Ministers and Laymen were not favorable to the bill.

The Alabama church property law was passed in August, 1959. It dealt with Protestant church property and said in part:

"Whenever as a result of action

of the parent church or any of its authoritative subdivisions, or its law-making body, the majority group of any local church shall determine that there has been a change of social policies . . . or that any act, declaration, law, policy, social creed or jurisdictional system of the parent church is contrary to the basic intent, understanding or basic assumption existing between the contributors, donors or grantors of the church property and the local church, or between such contributors, grantors or donors and any trustees of property held for the benefit of the local church or held by or for the use of the local church subject to the trust clause; and whenever such majority group shall find and determine that such act, declaration or policy of the parent church is not only contrary to such basic intent, understanding or assumption but that acquiescence therein would be contrary to the welfare of the local church or the peace, order, friendliness or good will within the membership of the local church, or be inconsistent with the effective and harmonious continuation of church work, or involve the church in public controversy, thereupon the majority group shall have the right without sacrifice or loss of any title, interest or matured equity or rights in property, funds or benefits, to set up a local church or unit independent of the authority of the parent church."

Southeastern Church School Workers to Meet

The Church School Administrators Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction will be held August 12-14 at Lake Junaluska, N. C., in three days of study and spiritual renewal.

Program of the conference will focus on the church school superintendent, chairman of the commission on education, membership cultivation superintendent, church school secretary, director of Christian education, and pastor.

Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer, professor of sociology and religion at Emory University, Dr. Donald M. Maynard, professor of Christian education at Boston University, and Dr. Henry M. Bullock, editor of Methodist church school publications, will be among faculty leaders. Staff members of the Department of General Church School Work, Methodist Board of Education, will lead discussions on new methods and materials. Executive secretaries of conference boards of education will offer guidance. There will be small group meetings in which each person may pursue his special interests.

Florida Methodists at the White House Conference



(Left to right) Rev. Bascomb Carlton, Superintendent of the Florida Conference Methodist Children's Home, Enterprise; Mrs. C. D. Johnson, Quincy, Chairman of the Florida Children's Commis-

sion; Earl Rabb, Winter Haven, President of the United Christian Youth Movement for the State of Florida; Rev. David J. Cathcart, Executive Secretary of the Florida Conference Board of Education.

Gannaways Operate Junaluska Lodge

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce F. Gannaway have recently purchased the LAKESIDE LODGE PROPERTY at Lake Junaluska, and will be operating it each summer, during the months of June, July, and August.

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Mrs. Gannaway will manage the Lodge, assisted by Tom and Miss Jean Gannaway. Mrs. Elizabeth Branscomb will be Hostess.

Besides regular meals in the Dining Hall, hamburgers and hot dogs will be featured, and there will be a Snack Hour each evening from 8:30 to 10:00.

Groundbreaking At First Church, Clermont



Ground was broken for the new First Methodist Church, Clermont, at noon on Palm Sunday. After the ministers, choir and congregation processed to the sloping East Shore of Center Lake, the Rev. H. T. Heitzenrater, minister of the church, gave the Call to Worship and Invocation. Dr. L. D. Lowe, Minister Emeritus, and Dr. H. L. Clay, retired minister, and Rev. Russell Carr, former Methodist Minister from Minnesota, participated in the service.

Using a golden shovel, F. Harley Beals, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, turned the first earth in the \$230,000 project. Following him were Wm. D. Clay, chairman of the Official Board; Dr. E. R. Cantwell, chairman of the Building Committee; Mrs. Paul Taggart, chairman of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism; Mrs. J. R. Grant, chairman of the Commission on Education; Mrs. Wm. D. Clay, chairman of the

Commission on Missions; Albert Johnson, chairman of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance; Mrs. O. H. Englund, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and Miss Glen-na Middleton, president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The building contract was the largest ever executed in the history of the city of Clermont. The nave of the new church will seat 450 persons; 50 more will sit in the chancel. The Social Hall will accommodate 380 at tables and will feature a panoramic sound systems for films to be shown on a 48x14 screen. The entire building will be air-conditioned. It is expected to be complete by November 1.



WALK WITH GOD

Bishop Dawson to Retire

TOPEKA, Kansas—Bishop Dana Dawson, episcopal leader of The Methodist Church's Kansas Area, has announced that he will retire this summer.

Under church law, the 67-year-old bishop could serve for another four years before compulsory retirement, but he said that he had decided to retire in June for health reasons upon the advice of physicians.

(A Methodist bishop must retire at his jurisdictional conference which immediately follows his 70th birthday, but he may retire at 65 if he so elects and gives written notice to the other bishops of the jurisdiction.)

Bishop Dawson's plan to retire brings to four the number of bishops taking early retirement at this time. Bishop William T. Watkins of the Louisville Area retired last October, and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D.C., and Bishop H. Clifford Northcott of Madison, Wis., have served notice that they will retire at their respective jurisdictional conferences this summer.

His announcement also means that The Methodist Church may set a record in the number of bishops to be elected this summer. Church leaders point out that at least 15 bishops will be chosen at the 1960 jurisdictional conferences. Largest number of bishops ever elected in one year before was in 1920 when 14 were elected at Des Moines, Iowa.

Church Organized

John's, the new church in Rolling Green section of Boynton Beach, officially became



Methodist Church on Sunday, March 20. Over one hundred persons were present for the Organization Day Program, which included the morning worship service, dinner, and the organizing conference. Dr. Henry W. Blackman, District Superintendent of the West Palm Beach District, presided. Thirty-five "First Day Charter Members" were received into membership. Eleven received on Profession of Faith and twenty-three transfer.

John's has been co-sponsored by Northwood Methodist Church in West Palm Beach, First Methodist Church in Boynton Beach and Community Methodist Church in Belle Glade. Lakeside Methodist Church in Lake Worth has given financial support. Rev. Harry Long is pastor of new congregation.

Rippy to Retire

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Rev. M. Leo Rippy, well-known Methodist religious education leader, will retire from his position as minister of education at Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church the end of May.

Dr. Rippy, who has been at the Washington, D.C., Mt. Vernon Place Church since 1957, served 29 years in Nashville, Tenn., director of adult church-school work for The Methodist Church.

With his retirement, Dr. Rippy concludes his active ministry at the church where he began it. In 1919 to 1924, he was director of religious education at Mt. Vernon Place Church.

However, Dr. Rippy quickly points out that he is not really retiring, but simply making more time available for engaging in the work to which he has dedicated his life.

He and his wife will live in Nashville, Tenn., and Lake Junaluska, N.C., where they own a home. Dr. Rippy plans to spend his time speaking and working

in churches throughout the coun-

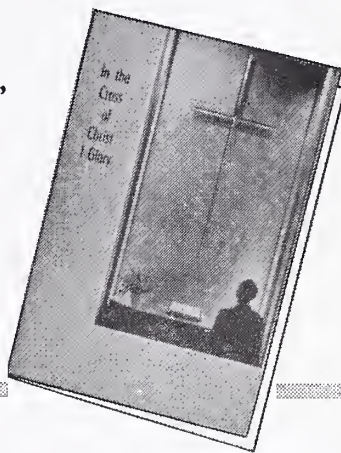
Known as a pioneer in many unique church-school programs, Dr. Rippy became director of the Department of Christian Education of Adults of the Methodist Board of Education in 1940. Under his leadership, the Church's network of directors of adult work for conferences, districts, and

sub-districts was organized.

At Mt. Vernon Place, a downtown church with over 4,500 members, Dr. Rippy supervises the program of activities for children, youth, and adults. Recently he challenged the Mt. Vernon Place church-school adult classes to make 15,000 telephone calls for evangelistic contacts.

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GLEANINGS FROM HERE and THERE

Methodist Youth Fellowship members at Trinity, Tampa, are conducting a ping pong tournament with an entry fee of 25 cents and prizes for girls and boys.

The Rev. A. G. Cox and the people of First Church, Brandon, have adopted a budget of \$16,832 for the new year and have pledged it 100%. Included in that Budget is **THE FLORIDA METHODIST** on the All-Family Plan among with **TOGETHER**.

In order to assure that the operating budget will be met while a building campaign is in progress, Seminole Heights, Tampa, allocates the first thousand dollars of each week's offerings to the operating budget and then allocates all in excess of that amount to the building fund. This action eliminates the necessity of separate pledges and separate offering envelopes for the building fund.

First Church, Clermont, now is publishing a weekly "Church School News" carrying items of interest "from all classes to all other classes" in the Sunday School. Average attendance has reached an all time high in recent months.

Primary children at Trinity, Tampa, are collecting clean cotton clothing to be given to migrants, and pennies to buy Bible stories to be sent to children in China.

Mrs. Kenneth G. Rogers was elected president of the Miami District Parsonettes when they met last month at the home of Mrs. P. M. Boyd. Dr. Boyd and Mrs. Joe Crawley served as judges when some of the parsonage queens modeled hats—the funniest, the prettiest, and the most original.

It is expected that a minister will be appointed at Conference for a new Methodist Church that is being proposed for Clearwater.

Trinity, Tampa, had a Youth Week-End April 1, 2 and 3, with supper, group meetings, recreation and a vesper speaker each evening. Visiting group leaders were the Rev. Richard England and Tom Oschwald. The Rev. R. E. Rutland, Jr., was the vesper speaker. The Rev. Lee Pearson and Pastor Eldon Simmons led the recreation.

New Parsonage At Holly Hill

Friends from other churches gathered with the congregation of Christ Church, Holly Hill, recent-



ly when Dr. Bruce F. Gannaway, Orlando District Superintendent, and the Rev. C. N. Ogg, pastor at Christ Church, led in a service of dedication for a new parsonage. The grounds have been landscaped with grass, flowers and shrubbery. The Rev. Ralph Todd, pastor at First Church, Daytona Beach, was among the visitors.

175th Anniversary TV Film Available to Churches

Nashville, Tenn. — The CBS-TV "Lamp Unto My Feet" program saluting the 175th anniversary of The Methodist Church now is available in a 16mm sound film version for church use, according to Nelson Price, director of field service and promotion for the Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFCO).

Several kinescope recordings of the telecast entitled "A People Called Methodist," which was carried on the "Lamp" series by CBS-TV last December, have been acquired by TRAFCO for in-church use. The film, which may be shown on any 16mm sound projector, traces the development of Methodism in its first 175 years. Narrator for the program is Methodist layman, Congressman John Brademas, of South Bend, Ind., and "The Voice of History" is Bishop Donald H. Tippet, of San Francisco, California.

The 16mm film version of the program is available from TRAFCO, 1525 McGavock Street, Nashville 3, Tennessee. There is a \$5 service charge for use of the TV film.

Two New Leaflets

FIVE METHODIST BELIEFS, by Bishop Gerald Kennedy. 3c each; 25 for 75c, 50 for \$1.00.

Two new leaflets on Methodist beliefs are "Five Methodist Beliefs," by Bishop Gerald Kennedy, and "Prominent Doctrines of Methodism," from *The Methodist Primer*.

Bishop Kennedy discusses these five beliefs: I-Experience, II-Freedom, III-Responsibility, IV-Enthusiasm, and V-Perfection. In his matchless style he makes these five beliefs stand out in a compelling manner.

Recognizing that no finer brief statement of Methodist Doctrine has been presented than that in *The Methodist Primer*, the section on "Prominent Doctrines of Methodism," has been lifted out and issued as a beautiful, illustrated leaflet of 12 pages. Here Bishop C. C. Sealeman deals with 13 doctrines of Methodism that represent the great truths that we have emphasized throughout our history. In this convenient form, this section is readily available to hand to prospective or new members or to distribute to the whole congregation.

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

First Church, Lakeland, and First Church, Tampa, were among the churches sending the Holy Communion to the homes of shut-ins who requested it during Holy Week. At the former church, the sacrament was delivered by retired ministers of the congregation.

A Candle Light Baptismal Service and reception of youth and children into the church was a Palm Sunday activity at Childs Park, St. Petersburg.

Holy Week services at Ruskin included sermons by Marvin Buckner of Wimauma, G. H. Briggs of Gibsonton, Raymond Hitchcock of Riverview, and Tom Hoge of Ruskin.

A special Palm Sunday Communion service was held in the afternoon at First Church, Tampa, for children joining the church that morning. Immediate families attended with them.

The ladies of the Newberry church erected a large cross on the church lawn on Easter morning and early arriving members brought flowers, ivy and fern which were arranged to make the cross a thing of great beauty.

The Wheaton College Women's Service Club sang a concert on Tuesday night and Dr. Daniel Marsh, Chancellor and president Emeritus of Boston University, gave a Lenten message at a Service of Reparation on Wednesday night. Parts of the Holy Week activities at First Church, St. Petersburg.

A sacrificial breakfast was one of the features of Holy Week at Highland Avenue Church, Tampa.

The Rev. Ralph Jones, host pastor; the Rev. Royal A. Rice of Santa Gorda; the Rev. John Sanson of Venice; the Rev. Duane Miller of Charlotte Harbor; the Rev. W. C. White of Boca Grande were the speakers at a series of Holy Week services held at Englewood.

The Rev. Fred Dickman, Episcopalian minister at Newberry; the Rev. A. Padgett of Chiefland; the Rev. J. E. McKinley, Gainesville District Superintendent; the Rev. W. Price of Micanopy; and the Rev. Creighton Oliver, Baptist minister at Trenton, were preachers at a series of Holy Week services conducted by the Rev. H. Don Mizell, pastor at Trenton.

Christ Church, St. Petersburg,

First Regional Conference Planned for Older Adults

Methodism's first regional conference for older adults will be held June 19-22 at Lake Junalus-



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ka, N.C. From throughout the Southeastern Jurisdiction, older adults will gather to hear outstanding speakers and to find enrichment along lines of the conference theme, "Facing the Future With Faith."

Among speakers will be Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare and well-known Methodist layman, and Dr. M. Leo Rippey, former director of the General Board of Education's Department of Christian Education of Adults, both of Washington. Other speakers will be Dr. Foye G. Gibson, administrator of Asbury Acres, Methodist home for the retired at Maryville, Tenn., and Dr. T. Cecil Myers of Sam Jones Methodist Church, Cartersville, Georgia.

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Council is sponsoring the conference, in cooperation with the General Board of Education and the conference boards of education within the jurisdiction. Officers for the conference are the Rev. Hawley Lynn of Rock Hill, S. C., director; Mrs. W. M. Alexander of Nashville, Tenn., associate director; and Dr. D. Trigg James of Atlanta, executive secretary and registrar.

Older adults throughout the country are invited.

A Word From A Veteran And Greatly Loved Servant Of the Conference

TO CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS GREETINGS!

May 31st, 1960 brings to a close my 35 years of service as Treasurer of the BOARD OF PENSIONS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

My resignation as Treasurer has been tendered, and accepted, effective as above.

The Board will be in new hands. Who the new Treasurer is I am unable to say at this time.

We have made many mistakes, but it has been our pleasure to correct them. We appreciate your forbearance and long-suffering.

We bespeak for the new Board your hearty cooperation.

You will be interested to know that beginning June 1st, 1960 the annuity rate will likely be on a basis of \$70.00 per service year. Widows three-fourths of that amount. Since the office in the Langford Building will likely be discontinued, my home address will be 210 S. W. 19th Road, Miami 36, Florida.

With best wishes,

Sincerely Yours,
R. H. Johnson

The Adult Choir of First Church, Plant City, directed by Martin LeDoux, and the Chancel Choir of Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven, directed by Moody L. Chisholm, joined to present DuBois' "Seven Last Words of Christ" in Palm Sunday services in the two churches.

The Sunshine Commandery No. 20, Knights Templar, the Order of DeMole and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Commandery attended the 10:45 Easter service at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, in a body.

Dr. W. G. Thonger, superintendent of Methodist work in Belgium, spoke at the Easter Sunday evening service at First Church, Lakeland.

Members of the Presbyterian church joined with First church, Dade City, for the Maundy Thursday Communion service.

Miss Patsy Winters led a study of "Life on the Campus" at a Thursday afternoon Lenten reading session of the senior department at Seminole Heights church, Tampa, during Holy Week.

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Fund Goal Exceeded By Winter Park Church

Winter Park Methodists exceeded their goal of \$200,000 in a Building Fund Crusade conducted the latter part of March and the first week of April. The Rev. Caxton Doggett, pastor, reported that by the time this story was written cash and pledges came to more than \$202,000, with a number of additional pledges expected.

The building fund will be for a new sanctuary seating 850 located on the site of the old parsonage which was torn down last summer. After the sanctuary is built new educational facilities and six new offices are planned. The buildings are being designed by James Gamble Rogers. The design will be Spanish-Mediterranean. The total cost will exceed \$400,000.

The building fund effort was directed by the Rev. Charles Welch of the Department of Finance and Field Service of the Divisions of National Missions. The fee was one per cent.

The Building Fund Executive Committee included the following: Jack Monahan, general chairman; Caxton Doggett, pastor; Paul Gartside, canvass chairman; A. B. Morgan, larger gifts chairman; Miss Marian Ives, publicity director; and James Hamblin, dinner chairman.

The Building Committee which will direct the building operation consists of the following: A. B. Morgan, chairman; Caxton Doggett, pastor; Mrs. Ray Trovillion; Mrs. Earl Rayl, WSCS president; James Lindsey, chairman of the Trustees; and Lawrence Leyman.

REPORT FROM FORT MEADE

First Church, Fort Meade, is planning to install lights in the parking lot adjacent to the sanctuary. Poles will be placed and wires strung at the time similar work is being done in the new education building now being constructed, the Rev. Claude Stanfield reports. The new building is expected to be ready for occupancy by June 1.

Some persons think it's a recession when they can't afford a new car to tow their boat.

Men at Work

Dr. George A. Foster, pastor at Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale, was the speaker at banquet of Metho-



dist Men at Calvary, Lake Worth, last month. He spoke humorously and inspirationally on "The Inside of the Ministry." The accompanying picture was made as a trio from the Palm Beach Junior College entertained.

Dr. E. J. Pendergrass of First Church, Orlando; J. B. Sargeant, Tom Slade and Robert T. Mann, District Lay Leaders of the Lakeland, Gainesville and Tampa Districts, respectively, were the speakers at the Jacksonville District Laymen's Retreat held at the Naval Air Station, April 22 and 23.

Methodist Men of Seminole Heights, Tampa, sponsored a fish fry in the newly developed church picnic area Saturday, April 23.

Bill Peterson, football coach at Florida State University, was guest speaker at a father-son meeting of the Methodist Men of First Church, Lakeland, last month.

The Methodist Men of Morrison Memorial Church, Leesburg, were



entertained by a choral group from the Leesburg High School at their April meeting.

Pastor Jack Kelly of Trinity, Plant City, was guest speaker at the meeting of Methodist Men, April 25, in Ruskin.

To All Ministers From the Conference Statistician

Please check and study all your receipts and vouchers NOW and then have any mistakes corrected at once. It will be too late to do anything if you wait until May 22 or 23. The Conference Central Treasurer's books close Midnight, May 25th. Be careful that you have not overpaid on one apportionment item and not paid another in full. The Children's Home books close on May 15th. Remember the 5th. Sunday in May 1959 was not counted in last year's report but will be counted in this years report.

Remember that we use the Central Treasurer's figures unless you send along the receipts and vouchers for monies you sent elsewhere for Advance causes. Now is the time to check with your church treasurer to see if all monies have been sent in correctly and the receipts and vouchers are correct.

Begin now to get your church membership and church school rolls brought up to date so that the figures you report will be correct.

Your District Superintendent will be giving you your Pastor's Report blanks and my Supplementary Instructions before long. Study the yellow instruction sheet that comes with your report blanks AND my instruction sheet together.

Cordially yours,
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Notice to Pastors and Treasurers

Your Central Treasurer's books will be closed as of midnight May 25th. Funds that arrive late cannot be included in this Conference year. This applies to the general apportionments and to Advance Mission Specials.

C. H. Voss, Central Treas.

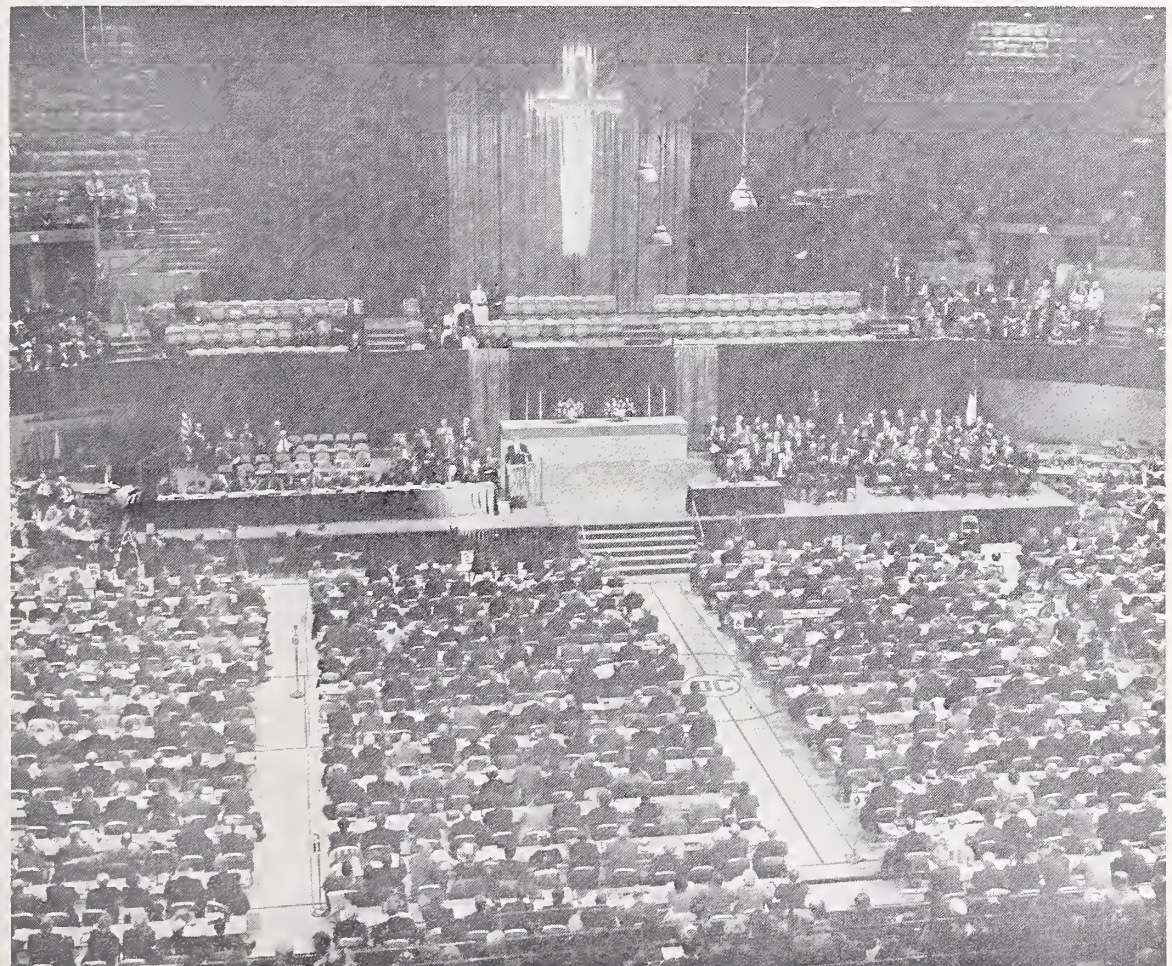
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GENERAL CONFERENCE ISSUE

SIXTH GENERAL CONFERENCE IN SESSION



The sixth General Conference of The Methodist Church at work in the Municipal Auditorium, Denver, Colorado, April 27 - May 7, 1960. The Methodist General Conference is one of the country's oldest legislative bodies, having first met in 1792 in Baltimore. Since 1939 when the three major Methodist bodies reunited to form The Methodist Church, however, the General Conference has met five times as follows: 1940, Atlantic City, N. J.; 1944, Kansas City, Mo.; 1948, Boston; 1952, San Francisco; 1956, Minneapolis.

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General Conference Action On the Jurisdictional Study

Denver, Colo.—The Methodist General Conference voted to make no major changes at this time in the denomination's regional and racial jurisdictional structure in the United States.

The action here at the April 27-May 7 quadrennial sessions of the church's top legislative and policy-making body followed sharp debate, but in the end the report of a special commission was adopted virtually intact.

Findings and recommendations of the 70-member Jurisdictional Study Commission, created by the 1956 General Conference, were presented by Charles C. Parlin, chairman, of Englewood, N. J., and other members.

The General Conference also adopted a Constitutional amendment to make the new legislation effective. It will be known as Amendment XII when offered to Annual Conferences for ratification.

To implement the recommendations, the Gen-

eral Conference elected a 36-member Commission on Inter-Jurisdictional Relations. Members of the commission, nominated by the bishops, comprise one bishop, two ministers and three laymen from each jurisdiction.

The new commission will direct the church's "continuing program" to (1) abolish the Central (Negro) Jurisdiction, (2) promote interracial brotherhood through Christian love and (3) achieve a more inclusive church.

To implement Amendment IX, passed by the 1956 General Conference and later ratified by sufficient Annual Conferences, it was recommended that "each Annual Conference shall designate an appropriate committee or board to establish policies and procedures on interracial brotherhood . . ."

The General Conference affirmed the rights of jurisdiction to "adopt their own policies as to promotion and administration by jurisdictional organization."

In other major provisions, the maximum General Conference membership was increased from 900 to 1400 with the same persons to be delegates to their respective Jurisdictional Conferences and the General Conference.

Further, it was voted to amend the Constitution so that Jurisdictional Conferences shall meet (a) at the time and place of General Conference, or (b) not more than 60 days prior to the date of General Conference at such time and place as the preceding session of the Jurisdictional Conference or its delegated committee may determine by a two-thirds vote.

The Jurisdictional Conferences were invited to hold their 1964 sessions at the time and place of General Conference in order to try out the new plan.

In any event, all bishops elected by Jurisdictional Conferences will henceforth be consecrated at the General Conference.

Bishops elected by the overseas Central Confer-

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The YOUTHFUL ACCENT By HOOVER RUPERT

PARENTAL DELINQUENCY

If you are a teen-ager who thinks his parents are too strict in terms of the limitations they impose upon you, take a look at a Hollywood youngster whose moral delinquencies have been front stuff for some months now. I think, if you have a choice, you would stick with your parents and their strictness rather than accept the irresponsible parental delinquency which the papers report as the contributing factor in the girl's sordid life.

"If Errol Flynn were still alive my little girl wouldn't be in this mess," said the bleached-blond mother of the 17-year-old chorus girl whose most recent escapade was that she was involved in a shooting in her apartment. It seems her current boy-friend, a handsome young actor, was fatally shot during what police report as a "nude struggle for his revolver." Authorities have filed a court petition seeking to make the girl a ward of the court. By

now the hearing has been held and either she is or isn't a ward of the juvenile court.

The girl, who sprang into headlines as the mistress of Actor Flynn who was present when he died in October in Vancouver B.C., was described to the press by juvenile authorities in Los Angeles as a "100-a-date call girl" whose sordid sex life dates from age 12. Errol Flynn picked the girl out of the chorus of a Hollywood musical when she was 15. They traveled about the world together, including to Cuba where they co-starred in a movie produced by Flynn.

But back to her mother, who said, "Errol Flynn was a real gentleman," as she indicated full approval of her daughter's relationship with the oft-married actor. "It's these young Hollywood men who can get a girl in trouble," she added. Flynn was 50. "Why he loved her and she loved him—it was a thing of beauty, real beauty," said the mother, a former show-girl herself, "It's sure too bad he had to die like that." (My preacher mind can't help but observe, "Too bad he had to live like that!")

The final pay-off came when the mother expressed her disturbance that at the court hear-

ing her daughter could be placed under court supervision until she turns 18 in September. "This could ruin her night-club career, and just when some really good offers were coming in," she bemoaned.

Yes, many parents are old-fashioned. Some are straight-laced. Some don't understand the times and haven't "kept up with progress." Some apply social methods and procedures to their teen-agers which were in vogue when the parents were young, but some of which have changed. But do any teen-agers whose eyes wander down these pages have it so tough they would have changed the security of their church-related home, for the sordid kind of life this girl fell heir too? Sure, sounds romantic and adventurous to travel with such a fast crowd. But there is the devil to pay, and that is hardly worth what he charges you! One can sympathize with the girl who is obviously astray in life's sea without a moral rudder. But what hope had she in the face of the kind of parental irresponsibility reflected in her sorry story.

If your parents are providing you a wholesome home environment and the guidance of loving interest in cooperation with the Church, you are most fortunate.

TEN BISHOPS TO RETIRE THIS YEAR



The General Conference paused Monday, May 3, to pay honor to ten bishops of the Church who will be retiring at the respective Jurisdictional Conferences in a few weeks. Eight of the ten were seated on the speaker's platform and were presented to the Conference.

Shown above, they are: Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga.; Bishop J. King, New Orleans; H.

Clifford Northcutt, Madison, Wis.; A. Frank Smith, Houston, Texas; G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C.; W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, N. Y.; J. W. E. Bowen, Atlanta, Ga.; and Frederick B. Newell, New York City. Bishops Dana E. Dawson of Topeka, Kansas, and William T. Watkins of Louisville, Kentucky, were absent because of illness.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy,

president of the Council of Bishops, expressed the gratitude of The Methodist Church to these men who have served so well across the years. He said, "We don't know how we are going to get along without you. You have our affectionate wishes for the years ahead and the hope that we will have your counsel and judgment for many years to come."

Youths Are Turning Away from the Church

Washington, D. C. — Are young people turning away from the church?

The answer is yes, according to Milton J. E. Senn of the Yale University Child Study Center, who spoke here at the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

Dr. Senn charged that young people are turning away from organized religion because the churches promote a false show of piety, dubious business ethics and easy psychological adjustment, rather than "creative religious behavior."

Dr. Senn pointed out that young people are quick to sense that many adults become church members "in an effort to gain status and security rather than salvation."

He scored parents for trying "to give their children spiritual security by membership in a church . . ."

Dr. Senn, a psychiatrist and pediatrician, cited statistics indicating that a "surprisingly high rate" of juvenile delinquents are former churchgoers, as many as three-fourths in some cities.

He added:

"Youths in some Sunday Schools are promised success if they follow certain ritualistic practices, attending church regularly, praying before a business deal or relying on God to give them insight enough to outsmart the other fellow."

Methodist boards and agencies were represented by 28 delegates at the White House Conference. Total attendance exceeded 7,000.

Bishop Moore Is Honored By Friends

On the night of May 4 a large group of friends and admirers of Bishop Arthur J. Moore honored



Bishop Moore

him at a dinner given in the Denver Hilton Hotel. Those attending included delegates and visitors from Atlanta and Jacksonville Areas, many representatives from the Board of Missions, several of the bishop's colleagues from the Council of Bishops and many other friends.

Dr. Harry Denman presided and told how his very first associations with Bishop Moore proved to be a case of "love at first sight."

Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich of

Germany spoke in glowing terms of the Bishop's remarkable effectiveness as the "architect" of the Church in post war Europe and warmed the hearts of those present as he related how Bishop Moore had excused himself from a session of a conference to attend to "important" business which proved to be the purchasing of dolls for his grandchildren.

Bishop Roy H. Short also paid tribute to Bishop Moore as a powerful, evangelistic preacher with great "persuasive power," as a man with the map of the world on his heart, and as a leader with a great and "contagious faith."

The Bishop responded with his usual graciousness and told how, as a young minister, he had been turned down when he offered himself for missionary service in Korea. This rejection aroused his Irish ire with the result that in a comparatively few years he went to Korea anyhow—but as the bishop.

Mrs. Moore was mentioned many times during the evening with great affection and respect. For health reasons it had been thought best that she avoid the high altitude of Denver so that she was not present. Rather, that same evening, she addressed the annual meeting of the WSCS conference of the South Georgia Conference that was meeting at Epworth by the Sea.

NEGRO CATHOLICS

There are now 615,964 Negro members of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, an increase of 217,853 in the last 10 years at the rate of 55 per cent.

FLORIDA VISITORS TO THE CONFERENCE



Florida visitors to the General Conference pictured here are: first row, left to right: the Rev. E. Nash Philpot, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Patch, Mrs. T. M. Rickards, Mrs. David R. Thurman.

Second row: Mrs. J. E. Bartlett, Jr., the Rev. J. E. Bartlett, Jr., Mrs. E. Clayton Calhoun, Dr. E.

Clayton Calhoun, the Rev. Ralph F. Jones.

Fourth row: the Rev. Charles A. Thompson, the Rev. John A. Briley, the Rev. Fred Sanders, Mrs. O. V. Hitchcock, the Rev. O. V. Hitchcock, T. W. McCoy, the Rev. Floyd W. Cooper, the Rev. O. C. Driskell.

Other visitors seen at the Conference who were not present for any of the photographs included: Mrs. Floyd W. Cooper, the Rev. M. McCoy Gibbs, the Rev. W. O. McMullan, Mr. Madison Pacetti, the Rev. and Mrs. John J. Rooks, Mrs. J. Wallace Hamilton and Mrs. E. B. White.

DR. COOKE GOES TO TOP POST



Dr. Don A. Cooke, right, confers with Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, retiring General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance.

A Florida pastor, the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke of Bradenton, has been elected to a top administrative post in The Methodist Church as general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance.

He will take office Jan. 1, 1961, at the Council's headquarters in Chicago, succeeding the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, who is retiring after 16 years with the agency.

Dr. Cooke's election was announced by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C., presi-

dent of the 33-member Council, which met at Denver in conjunction with the quadrennial Methodist General Conference.

Dr. Cooke is now pastor of the First Methodist Church of Bradenton. In his new job he will administer a \$25,000,000 annual budget in distributing funds to general Methodist boards and agencies.

A native of St. James, Minn., Dr. Cooke grew up in Maryland and Delaware, and has spent the entire 38 years of his ministry in Florida except for five years as an

army chaplain during World War II.

He is a graduate of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., and the Yale University Divinity School, and holds the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

The son of a minister, Dr. Cooke unknowingly trained for his new position before he was called to the ministry. He took a business college course with the intention of becoming a court reporter.

His talent for administrative work was early recognized by his fellow-ministers, who have annually elected his secretary of the Florida Conference since 1935. He has also served as secretary of the church's nine-state Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference since 1957.

Dr. Cooke was appointed to the Bradenton church in June, 1959. Previous pastorates include churches in Clearwater, Lake Worth, Plant City, Jacksonville, Lakeland and Miami. He was superintendent of the Miami district, 1950-52, and of the Jacksonville district, 1952-56. For eight years, 1930-38, he was director of the Wesley Foundation, Methodist student center, at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

He is a member of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains and secretary of the Florida Conference Commission on Higher Education.

He and Mrs. Cooke, the former Miss Mabel Friest of Ocala, Fla., have three daughters: Mrs. Jack Martin of Jacksonville, Mrs. Ray Finklea of Miami and Mrs. J. Russel Sackett of Indianapolis, Ind.

THE FLORIDA DELEGATION AT WORK



ere is the Florida delegation
ed on the floor of the General
ference at Denver.

erical delegates are, first row,
to right: Dr. E. J. Pender-
s, Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton,
George A. Foster, Dr. Henry

W. Blackburn, Dr. Don A. Cooke;
second row, left to right: Dr. Al-
bert Dale Hagler, Dr. Charles T.
Thrift, Jr.

The lay delegates are, second
row, left to right: Robert T. Mann,
Glenn E. McCormick, Glenn W.
Gold, Fred B. Noble and R. How-

ard Berg. Mr. Berg was the chair-
man of the delegation.

Mrs. Howard V. Weems and Mrs.
A. R. Ivey were absent at the time
the picture was made. Hence, for
better camera angles, Dr. Hagler
and Dr. Thrift are seated with the
lay delegates.

Laymon Comes to
Florida Southern College

r. Charles M. Laymon, dis-
tinguished author, editor and ed-
itor, will join the faculty of
Florida Southern College this fall
chairman of the religion de-
ment.

r. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., pres-
ent of the college, has an-
nounced the appointment which
begin with the 1960-61 aca-
ic year.

itor of adult publications for
editorial division of the Meth-
t Church, Dr. Laymon has
ten numerous religious books
ral of which have been trans-
into other languages.

orn in Dayton, Ohio, Dr. Lay-
a received his bachelor of arts
ree from Ohio Wesleyan Uni-
ity and his doctor of theology
n Boston University's School
Theology.

is first teaching position was
instructor in English Bible at
o Wesleyan. In 1934, he served
professor of Bible and Phil-
ohy at Union College. Nine
s later he took over as dean
professor of literature and
ory of the Bible at Scarritt
ege.

a 1950, he became pastor of
Indianola Methodist Church
Columbus, Ohio, home of the
ley Foundation. He was
ed editor of adult publica-
s of the Methodist Church at
hville in 1953.

cluded among the books writ-
by Dr. Laymon are "The Bible
Living Book," co-authored

with Rollin H. Walker; "Readings
in the Gospel of John," "Great
Prayers of the Bible," "Our Faith
in Christ," "Great Moments in the
Life of Christ," "The Life and
Teachings of Jesus," "I Follow,"
"Christ in the New Testament,"
"Luke's Portrait of Christ," "The

Message of the Bible," and "The
Book of Revelation: Its Message
and Meaning," to be published in
the fall.

Dr. Laymon, named to Who's
Who in America and Who's Who
in Education, will also serve at
Florida Southern.

Florida Conference Luncheon at Candler



Pictured here are those who
attended the Florida Conference
Luncheon at the Candler School
of Theology, Emory University,
some time ago. Those in the front
row include: the Rev. David J.
Cathcart, Registrar of the Florida

Conference Board of Ministerial
Training; Dr. Claude Thompson,
faculty member, and Dean Wil-
liam Cannon.

Dean Cannon is to be the Con-
ference preacher when the Flor-
ida Conference meets in Lakeland
next month.

Florida Delegates, Reserves and Their Families



Pictured left to right, first row: Mrs. A. R. Ivey, Henry W. Blackburn, Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, Dr. Don A. Cooke, Dr. Harry H. Waller and Dr. Albert Dale Hagler.

Second row: Dr. E. J. Pendergrass, Dr. George A. Foster, Mrs. Don A. Cooke, Mrs. Harry H. Waller and Mrs. Albert Dale Hagler.

Third row: Dr. H. Melton Ware, Dr. C. M. Cotton, Dr. R. C. Holmes, Mrs. Lewis N. Head, Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr.

Fourth row: Mr. Glenn E. McCormick, Mrs. Glenn E. McCormick, Dr. J. M. McLeod, Dr. Lewis N. Head.

Fifth row: Mr. Robert T. Mann, Mrs. R. Howard Berg, Mr. R. Howard

Berg, Mr. Fred B. Noble, Mrs. Glenn W. Gold, Mr. Glenn W. Gold.

Other delegates and reserves who attended the Conference but who were not present when the pictures were made were Mrs. H. V. Weems, the Rev. John J. Rooks and Mrs. Rooks, Mr. Madison Paccetti and Mrs. E. B. White.

Good Shepherd Celebrates Its Fourth Anniversary

Jacksonville's Good Shepherd Methodist Church celebrated its fourth birthday on April

Dr. John Hanger, pastor of the Riverside Park Church, the sponsoring congregation, preached the consecration sermon in the new chapel. Dr. J. M. McLeod, Jacksonville District Superintendent presided at the consecration service and at corner stone laying ceremonies. The Rev. Roy Fiske first pastor of the church, preached at a Homecoming service in the evening.

Epworth Leaguers Meet

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rawlins of the Plant Hotel, Plant City, were gracious hosts on April 24 to 54 old-time Epworth Leaguers who gathered there for fellowship and reunion. The gathering was the brain child of Angus Williams of Tampa and some of the other old-timers. Former "Leaguers" attended from Gainesville, Ocala, Clearwater, Tarpon Springs, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Lakeland, Bartow, Auburndale, Dover Plant City and New Smyrna Beach.

Dr. R. Ira Barnett was the oldest of the "Leaguers" present and he was the only one present who had been a member of the first Epworth League of the Florida Conference. Many others who could not attend sent greetings to the group.

The Rawlins reported that this was the most enthusiastic group they had ever entertained. A committee was appointed and authorized to make plans for another such meeting in the future.

Trinity Church, Denver

This is the edifice of the 100-year-old Trinity Methodist Church of Denver which, with its 3,238 members, is the second largest



in the Rocky Mountain Conference. Conveniently located downtown, this church served the General Conference as the meeting place for committees and special worship services.

Education is not enough; it must be education in Christ.—Marshall



10th with a service of consecration for the new chapel pictured above. This structure, valued at \$20,000, has been built by the men and boys of the church at a cost of \$4700. It is the second building for the church and the first step in the long range plan which has been developed for the congregation.

S. Cryer, Jr. Will Edit the Methodist Layman

ewman S. Cryer, Jr., managing editor of *Christian Advocate*, has been elected to the staff of



Methodist Church's Board of Lay Activities, 740 Rush Street, Chicago. In his new position, he will edit *The Methodist Layman*, one of the other published materials on the board.

Announcement of his election was made by Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of the board. Cryer will begin his new duties June 1.

Cryer has worked for The Methodist Publishing House since 1934. For the past four years he has been managing editor of *Christian Advocate*, biweekly publication of The Methodist Church for ministers and church leaders. Ten years prior to joining the *Advocate's* staff in Chicago, he was editor of *The Pastor*, a monthly magazine for ministers published in Nashville, Tenn., which was merged with the Chicago publication.

Native of Anniston, Ala., Cryer was baptized as a boy by the Rev. Hoyt M. Dobbs, who later became a bishop. Cryer was active in the First Methodist Church in Anniston while he lived there and during the decade he lived in Nashville was an active member of the official boards of Anniston and Glendale Methodist churches.

Cryer now lives in Arlington Heights, Ill., where he is a member of the official board of the First Methodist Church and chairman of the commission on Laymen. He also teaches a class in the church school.

He was graduated from the University of Alabama in 1940 with a bachelor of arts degree,

having majored in journalism. While a student there, he worked in the university news bureau and as a reporter on the university paper, *The Crimson-White*. He was president of the Wesley Foundation for one year and a member of Pi Tau Chi, honorary religious society. He was a member of Alabama's "Million Dollar Band" and for two years directed the Wesley Foundation orchestra.

Although Cryer is a layman, he earned the bachelor of divinity degree at Vanderbilt University, Nashville. He has also studied at Scarritt College and George Peabody College for Teachers, both in Nashville.

He served in the U. S. Navy as a line officer from 1941 through 1945, his highest permanent rank being that of lieutenant commander, USNR. During World War II he served in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres of operation on war vessels as communications officer, navigator,

and as executive officer of the USS Lackawanna, a fleet tanker.

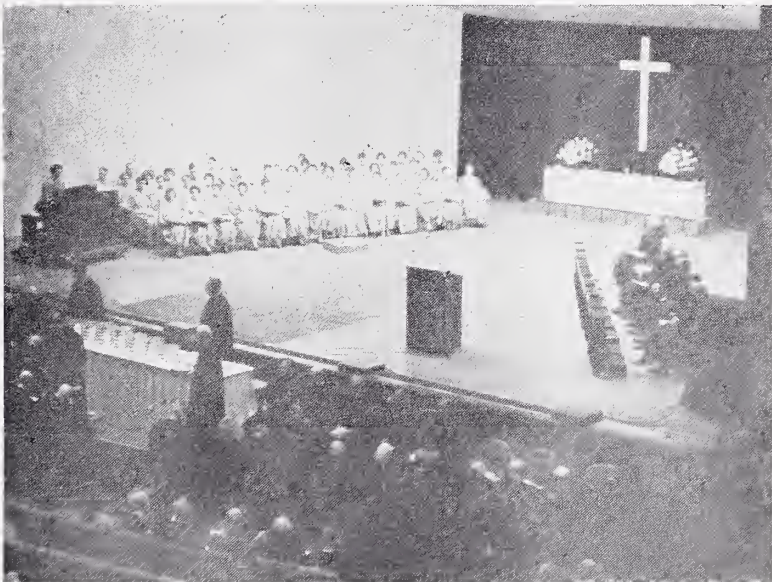
Prior to that, in 1940-41, he was a staff member of The Anniston Times as a reporter and circulation manager. He also worked as a high school and college student in the circulation department of The Anniston Star.

Cryer has served as a staff member of *The Daily-Christian Advocate* of the 1952 and 1956 General Conference and also served on the staff of the 1960 General Conference in Denver.

At the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Ill., in 1954 he served as a member of the Reporting Service of the Committee on Press and Broadcasting.

He is a member of the Chicago chapter of the National Religious Publicity Council and for several years has been affiliated with publications holding membership in the Associated Church Press and Methodist Press Association.

CONFERENCE COMMUNION SERVICE



The first service of the 1960 General Conference was held in the hushed atmosphere of the City Auditorium Theatre as bishops, delegates and visitors knelt to receive the elements of Holy Communion.

Bishop Donald H. Tippet led the service, assisted by bishops from the six jurisdictions and overseas bishops. The Communion table was presided over by Bishop Marvin Franklin, past president of the Council of Bishops, and Bishop Gerald Kennedy, the new president.

Among the overseas bishops who assisted were Bishop Ralph E. Dodge of Southern Rhodesia; Bishop Ferdinand Sigg of Switzerland; Bishop Freidrich Wunderlich of Germany; Bishop San-

te U. Barbieri of Argentina; Bishop Odd Hagen of Sweden; Bishop Jose L. Valencia of the Philippines; Bishop Hobart B. Amstutz of Singapore; Bishop Shot K. Mondol of Delhi, India; Bishop Prince A. Taylor of Liberia, West Africa; and Bishop Ching Pil Kim. It was most impressive to hear each of the overseas bishops give prayers of dismissal in his own language.

Music was by the choir of Trinity, Denver which is shown seated on the stage.

David Hortin, son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul R. Hortin of St. Petersburg, was elected to represent the third year class in the Candler School of Theology in the Student Senate for the 1960-61 term.

Methodism's Advance

A Record of the Giving of Methodists in the Florida Conference

RICHARD E. BLANCHARD, Editor

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

II. National Mission Specials

21. MISSIONARIES' SALARIES

Orlando: First	3000.00
Naples First	50.00
Tampa: Manhattan Avenue	25.00
Tampa: Tampa Heights	50.00
Tampa: Seminole Heights	100.00
Tampa: Tampa Heights	50.00

22. MISSIONARIES WORK FUND

Hutto-Yulee: Yulee	50.00
Winter Haven: Trinity	10.00
Bradenton: First	100.00
Bartow: First	20.00
Bartow: First	5.00
Bartow: First	10.00
Orlando: First	500.00
Lake Lindsey	20.00
Venice-Nokomis	40.00
Lake Worth: Calvary	25.00
Bartow: First	5.00
Newberry-Trenton: Trenton	25.00
Middleburg	15.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	10.00
Bonita Springs-Estero: Estero	15.00
Ft. Myers: Tice	5.00
Brandon	5.00
Greater Miami: Sellers Mem'l ..	50.00

23. ALASKA METHODIST COLLEGE

Cross City	35.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	5.00
Davie	10.00
Greater Miami: Kendall	25.00
Brooksville: First	50.00
Lee Ct.: Hickory Grove	3.91
Waukeenhah	16.64
Tampa: Seminole Heights	100.00
Haines City: First	50.00
DeLand: Trinity	25.00
Sanford: First	5.45
Charlotte Harbor-Cleveland:	
Charlotte Harbor	15.00
Sarasota: First	209.41
Wauchula	50.00
Tampa: Trinity	100.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	7.00
Williston	8.33
Jacksonville: Wesley Mem'l ..	50.00
Clermont: First	4.00
Ft. Myers: North	25.00
Venice-Nokomis	33.00
Waukeenhah: Lamont	8.34
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Tampa: First	100.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	6.00
Hawthorne	5.00
Clermont: First	4.00
Dundee	1.00
Kathleen	7.50
Linden of Webster, Charge	5.00
Largo: Calvary	5.00
Lake City: First	20.00
Plant City: First	25.00
Ft. Lauderdale: St. Paul's	3.75
Auburndale: Lena Vista	5.00
Highland City	6.00
Greater Miami: Coral Gables, First	100.00
Daytona Beach: Community	10.00
Umatilla: First	19.65
Inverness	12.50
Bowling Green	25.00
Bowling Green	33.50
Sebring: First	100.00
Tallahassee: Tallahassee Heights.	4.13
Melbourne: First	16.00
Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial	150.00
Greater Miami: South Miami	50.00
Orlando: College Park	55.00
Largo	175.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	5.00
Jasper	25.00

White Springs	2.00
Jacksonville: Peeler Mem'l	50.00
Dade City	100.00
Leesburg: Morrison Memorial ..	30.00
Zephyrhills	25.00
New Smyrna Beach, First	150.00
Sanford: First	8.50
Sanford: Grace	4.65
St. Petersburg: Euclid	5.00
Palm Harbor	8.00
Nocatee	5.00
Sarasota: North	35.00
Mayo	2.00
Tallahassee: Tallahassee Heights..	3.40
Woodville Ct.: Zion Hill	2.00
Boynton Beach: First	40.00
Eau Gallie: St. Paul's	10.00
Pahokee	10.00

24. OTHER NATIONAL ADVANCE SPECIALS

Doctors Inlet	3.00
St. Petersburg: Lakewood	15.00
Bethel: Lake Jackson	3.00
Carrabelle	5.00
Tampa: Christ	6.00
Tampa: Seminole Heights	100.00
Wabasso	10.00
Punta Gorda: First	25.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	7.00
Pierson	4.22
Tavares	100.00
Tavares	100.00
Tavares	50.00
Sarasota: North	12.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	6.00
Palatka: St. James	31.40
Jacksonville: North Shore	24.00
Katon Park	3.00
Greater Miami: North Hialeah ..	20.00
Brooksville, First	50.00
Tampa: Tampa Heights	6.94
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	100.00
Bonita Springs-Estero:	8.00
Ft. Myers: North	15.00
Miakka-Myakka City: Miakka ..	10.00
Miakka-Myakka City:	
Myakka City	5.00
Mayo: New Harmony	2.00
Keystone	50.00
Melbourne: First	41.00
Melbourne: First	20.00
Melbourne: First	16.00
Starke	23.61
Callahan	21.48
Jacksonville: Snyder Memorial..	19.00
Greater Miami: Rader Memorial	58.50
Englewood	29.00

METHODIST COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS RELIEF

Cross City	15.00
Doctors Inlet	11.00
Hutto-Yulee	25.00
Jacksonville: First	10.00
Jacksonville: First	5.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	5.00
Davie	20.00
Greater Miami: Kendall	50.00
Greater Miami: Trinity	25.00
Brooksville, First	50.00
St. Petersburg: First	20.00
St. Petersburg: First	80.00
St. Petersburg: Gulfport, First ..	66.70
St. Petersburg: Lakewood	30.00
St. Petersburg: Seminole	20.00
Bethel Ct.: Lake Jackson	3.00
Carrabelle	5.00
Lee Circuit: Hickory Grove	1.95
Tampa: Seminole Heights	100.00
Micanopy Ct.: Evinston	25.00
Davenport	5.00
Oxford	5.00
Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial	35.00
Wildwood	25.00
Wildwood	50.00
Winter Haven: Trinity	10.00
Lake Lindsey	10.00

Charlotte Harbor	12.00
Wauchula	50.00
East Leon Ct.: Micosukee	12.00
Tampa: Belmont Heights	5.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	7.00
Ft. Pierce: Community	14.00
W. P. Beach: First	10.00
Williston	8.33
Jacksonville: Wesley Memorial ..	55.00
Clermont: First	25.00
Greater Miami: Wesley	20.00
DeLand: Trinity	47.35
Dundee	5.00
St. Petersburg: Wesley Mem'l ..	50.00
St. Myers: North	10.00
Sarasota: North	15.00
Venice-Nokomis	66.00
Ft. Lauderdale: First	7.00
Wabasso	16.45
Hawthorne	5.00
Fernandina Beach	10.00
Fernandina Beach	17.00
Clermont, First	25.00
Dundee	1.00
Eaton Park	3.00
Kathleen	7.50
Webster: Linden	5.00
Greater Miami: Coral Gables, First	250.00
Sanford: First	25.00
Brooksville, First	50.00
St. Petersburg: Grace	21.00
Bradenton: First	10.00
Naples, First	25.00
Lake City: First	10.00
Plant City: Trinity	10.00
Plant City: Trinity	10.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	200.00
Ft. Lauderdale: St. Paul's	3.75
Newberry-Trenton: Trenton	25.00
Jacksonville: First	74.00
Highland City	11.00
Leesburg: Morrison Memorial ..	5.00
Daytona Beach: Community	15.00
Orlando: First	92.50
Umatilla: First	25.00
Largo: Calvary	75.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	25.00
Bonita Springs-Estero:	13.00
Miakka-Myakka City:	10.00
Miakka-Myakka City:	
Myakka City	5.00
Sarasota: First	10.00
Sebring, First	100.00
Mayo: New Harmony	2.00
Serd's Memorial	10.00
Sopchoppy	10.00
Tallahassee: Tallahassee Heights.	2.00
W. P. Beach Lake Worth: Calvary	125.00
Melbourne: First	12.00
Pompano Beach: Trinity	10.00
Jacksonville: Snyder Memorial..	25.00
Bartow: Asbury	5.00
Lakeland: College Heights	46.90
St. Petersburg: Christ	30.00
Jasper	25.00
White Springs	1.00
Crecent City	32.50
Palatka: St. James	5.00
Jacksonville: Arlington	100.00
Jacksonville: First	10.00
Jacksonville: First	264.00
Dade City	100.00
Davenport	5.00
Lakeland: College Heights	121.78
Zephyrhills	25.00
Greater Miami: Holleman Park..	50.00
Greater Miami: Spanish American	10.50
New Smyrna Beach, First	100.00
Sanford: First	25.00
Nocatee	5.00
Jennings-Hanson: Hanson	7.00
Mayo	2.00
Tallahassee: Tallahassee Heights.	1.70
Woodville Ct.: Zion Church	2.00
Boynton Beach: First	50.00
Eau Gallie: St. Paul's	25.00
Pahokee	2.50
Wabasso	20.00
Palatka: St. James	10.00
Jacksonville: First	113.50

Christ and his Church

DISTRICT CHURCH EXTENSION

sonville: Arlington	50.00
sonville: First	2.00
sonville: Murray Hill	150.00
sonville: Riverview	10.00
Church	150.00
West: First	150.00
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ter Miami: Allapattah	500.00
ter Miami: Opa Locka	75.00
ter Miami: St. Paul's	166.36
ter Miami: Tarboux	41.67
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pa: Seminole Heights	500.00
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iston: First	50.00
ay Beach, Cason Mem'l	120.00
Gallie, St. Paul's	12.00
Beach Church	5.00
Worth: Calvary	150.00
Beach: First	100.00
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ston Church	8.33
sonville: Avondale	125.00
mont: First	30.00
man: Samterville	7.00
wood Church	25.00
a Church	33.33
ter Miami: Coral Gables	4000.00
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ous Churches, Miami Dist.	265.00
a Beach, First Church	2.00
ndo: First	1000.00
do: Pine Castle	12.50
ville Church	100.00
ers' Club, Orlando Dist.	60.00
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enton: First	700.00
Worth Myers Meth. Church	50.00
cy: Centenary	1000.00
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t City: First	500.00
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lauderdale: First	26.00
alm Beach: First	500.00
ous Church, WPB District	530.00
sonville: Southside Estates	37.50
ourg: Morrison Mem'l	750.00
er Haven: Beymer Memorial	663.00
er Haven: Trinity	37.50
West: Big Coppitt	10.00
ter Miami: Grace	250.00
ter Miami: Perrine-Peters	24.00
ter Miami: Southwest	16.66
ter Miami: White Temple	150.00
ous Churches	337.00
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ndo: Azalea Park	12.50
do: Goss Memorial	200.00
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ch Builders' Club	
Orlando District	1171.00
Petersburg: Seminole	133.34
lotte Harbor-Cleveland:	
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lotte Harbor, Trinity	23.00
Myers: First	1941.75
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pa: Belmont Heights	25.00
pa: Palma Ceia	100.00
pa: Sarah Spencer	50.00
Glade Church	90.00
lauderdale: First	34.00
ierce, Community	19.40
Worth: Lakeside	20.00

Sebastian	15.00
Vero Beach: First	100.00
Vero Beach, Florida	50.00
Jacksonville: First	2.50
Lakeland: Trinity	10.00
Leesburg: Morrison	250.00
Zeephyrhills Church	26.50
Greater Miami: Floral Park	50.00
Greater Miami: Kendall	150.00
Greater Miami: Sellers Memorial	150.00
Greater Miami: Southwest	16.66
Greater Miami: White Temple	150.00
Orlando: Broadway	75.00
Orlando: Goss Memorial	116.00
Orlo Vista: Irwin Memorial	12.50
Pierson Church	5.00
Clearwater: Sylvan Abbey	10.00
Carious Churches,	
St. Petersburg District	991.00
Bonita Springs, Lee Memorial	60.00
Ft. Myers: First	1521.10
Ft. Myers: Tice	50.00
Punta Gorda Methodist Church	10.00
Sebring Church	10.00
Mayo Church	2.00
Quincy: Centenary	100.00
Tallahassee: Tallahassee Heights	1.50
Woodville Ct.: Zion Hill	2.00
Plant City: Trinity	1000.00
Delray Beach, Cason Memorial	60.00
Eau Gallie, St. Paul's	12.00
Ft. Pierce: Community	13.40
Ft. Pierce: First	83.33
Ft. Pierce: First	16.19
Lake Worth: Calvary	150.00
Pahokee: First	25.00
Riveria Beach	29.00
Vero Beach: First	100.00
Pahokee, First	25.00
Riveria Beach	29.00
Vero Beach: First	100.00
Various Churches	330.00
Fernandina Beach Memorial Ch.	17.00
Jacksonville: Wesconnett	15.00
Auburndale: Eloise	7.50
Clermont, First	30.00
Wathlen Church	43.75
Leesburg: Morrison Memorial	585.00
Greater Miami: Coral Gables First	2000.00
Greater Miami: North Hialeah	125.00
Greater Miami: So. Miami, First	581.00
Greater Miami: Wesley	60.00
Various Churches, Miami District	135.50
Various Churches, Miami District	350.00
Various Churches, Miami District	2695.00
Orlando: Pine Castle	6.25
Orlando: Trinity	6.25
Brooksville, First	50.00
Dunedin Church	113.00
Largo: Calvary	5.00
Bradenton: Manatee	15.00
Englewood Church	50.00
Naples, First	38.00
Columbia City Ct.: Columbia City	6.25
Columbia City: Bethel	6.25
Columbia City: Pleasant Grove	6.25
Columbia City: Siloam	6.25
Jasper Methodist Church	10.00
Lake City: First	100.00
Lake City: First	20.00
Lake City Church	15.00
Live Oak Church	25.00
Mayo Church	5.00
Quincy: Centenary	1000.00
White Springs Church	10.00
Plant City: First	25.00
Plant City: First	25.00
Plant City: First	250.00
Tampa: Hyde Park	250.00
Tampa: Hyde Park	125.00
Tampa: Manhattan Avenue	75.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	2050.00
Ft. Lauderdale: St. Andrews	15.00
Riveria Beach, First	29.00
West Palm Beach: First	500.00
Various Churches, WPB District	190.00
Newberry-Trenton: Trenton	10.00
Ocala: First	200.00
Jacksonville: Riverside Park	407.60
Bartow: First	300.00
Highland City Church	60.00
Marathon Church	100.00
Greater Miami: Carol City	137.53
Greater Miami: Holleman	75.00
Greater Miami: Ojus	62.50

Greater Miami: Tarboux Mem'l	41.67
Various Churches, Miami Dist.	2059.00
Various Churches, Miami Dist.	2059.00
Orlando: Broadway	75.00
Orlando: Conway	25.00
Builders' Clu, Orlando District	680.00
Umatilla: First	177.00
Lake Lindsey Church	10.00
St. Petersburg: St. Marks	10.00
Bonita Springs-Estero:	40.00
Miacka-Miyakka City:	8.00
Sarasota: First	570.30
Mayo: New Harmony	2.00
Sardis Memorial	25.00
Tallahassee: Tallahassee Heights	2.06
Lake Worth: Calvary	250.00
Lake Worth: Lakeside	200.00
Melbourne: First	100.00
Melbourne: First	65.00
Pompano Beach: First	692.00
Pompano Beach: Trinity	50.00
Wabasso Church	20.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Wesley Chapel	2.50
Gainesville: First	200.00
St. Augustine: Grace	112.50
Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial	1084.00
Homestead Church	200.00
Key West: Big Coppitt	10.00
Greater Miami: Grace	250.00
Greater Miami: Rader Memorial	20.00
Greater Miami: Trinity	6000.00
Eustis, First	93.75
Orlando: First	1000.00
Orlando: First	100.00
Ormond Beach	75.00
St. Petersburg: Pasadena	6000.00
Zolfo Springs	45.00
Apalachicola	10.00
White Springs Church	1.00
Brandon Church	10.00
Brandon Church	10.00
Brandon Church	10.00
Stuart, First	62.50
Various Churches, WP Beach Dist.	250.00

OTHER CONFERENCE APPROVED SPECIALS

Greater Miami: Rader Memorial	50.00
Greater Miami: Riverside	48.00
St. Petersburg: Childs Park	7.50
St. Petersburg: Seminole	60.00
Hutto-Yulee: Yulee	25.00
Jacksonville: First	66.80
Jacksonville: Lakewood	50.05
Greater Miami: Kendall	31.00
Greater Miami: Kendall	25.00
Sarasota: North	10.00
Jacksonville-Doctors Inlet	10.00
Hutto-Yulee: Yulee	25.00
Jacksonville: Riverview	5.00
Tampa: Hyde Park	591.00
Greater Miami: Rader Memorial	200.00
New Port Richey-First	40.00
Tampa: Oak Grove	13.00
Jacksonville: Northshore	100.00
Lake Lindsey	10.00
Davenport	5.00
Greater Miami: Bryan Memorial	50.00
Jacksonville: Peeler Memorial	10.00
Davenport	5.00
Greater Miami: Kendall	25.00
Bradenton: Manatee	25.00
Boynton Beach	50.00
Jacksonville: First	100.00
Jacksonville: First	2.00
Dunedin	49.00
St. Petersburg: Wesley Mem'l	20.00
Tampa: Sarah Spencer	16.90
Gainesville: University	100.00
Tavernier	24.04
St. Petersburg: Grace	40.00
St. Petersburg: St. James	6.43
Winter Haven: Beymer Memorial	100.00
Largo: Calvary	32.00
Tampa: Manhattan Ave.	25.00
Ft. Lauderdale: St. Andrews	50.00
West Palm Beach: Northwood	50.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	200.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	200.00
Ft. Lauderdale: Park Temple	200.00
Leesburg: Morrison Memorial	25.00
Miami: Coral Gables, First	30.00
St. Petersburg: Christ	125.00
Safety Harbor	15.15
Melbourne: First	16.00

General Conference A Wordy Occasion

If delegates to the Methodist General Conference returned home with bloodshot eyes and battered eardrums, there's good reason for it.

During their two-week session the 800 delegates were exposed to almost a half-million words of debate on the floor, plus almost twice that number in written reports.

A survey of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, daily record of conference proceedings, shows that the estimated 700 pages of fine print include about 64,000 lines of speeches and comments made from the floor.

Assuming that speakers function at the natural rate of about 100 words a minute, delegates hear about 74 hours of oratory during principal proceedings. Add to that everything they hear and read during committee sessions and one can readily see that eyes and ears are taxed to the limit.

All of which caused one weary press room correspondent to comment, "If all General Conference speakers were laid end to end, it would be a good thing!"

GENERAL CONFERENCE ACTION ON THE JURISDICTIONAL STUDY

(Continued from Page 2)

ences will have the option of being consecrated at the election Central Conference or at General Conference.

Another significant change in the Constitution provides that bishops may be transferred from one jurisdiction to another, both agree and the bishop consents. The assignment of bishop will be made by a General Conference Committee on Episcopacy composed of all the members of the jurisdictional Committees of Episcopacy.

Recommendations adopted by the General Conference to "help achieve an inclusive Methodist Church" included:

—Development of local interracial Methodist Ministerial Associations.

—Frequent pulpit exchange wherever possible.

—Joint worship services sponsored by local church groups wherever possible.

—Encouragement of "interracial fellowship and understanding by general boards and agencies through their promotional and program materials.

—Consultations and joint statements on local racial issues by bishops of overlapping Episcopal Areas.

—Efforts to bring all Methodist-related institutions "into harmony with the policy and

pronouncements of the church on race."

—Special attention be given by all Methodist administrators and leaders to areas marked by changing populations designed to serve migrating Methodists.

"We are agreed in this report that the Church cannot now abolish the racial jurisdiction," the study commission told the General Conference. "We must give ourselves to education and experimentation in the creating of a climate — spiritual and psychological — in which an inclusive Methodist Church will be a reality."

President Sends Greetings

TEXT of message received by the Methodist General Conference from President Eisenhower
May 4, 1960.
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy
President Elect,
Council of Bishops of the
Methodist Church,
Hilton Hotel, Denver, Colo.

It is a pleasure to send greet-

ings to those attending the quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Church.

United in faith and dedicated to service, the delegates at this session will find inspiration in their meeting together. From their discussions and plans will come, I am sure, great new advances in their churches' work and witness.

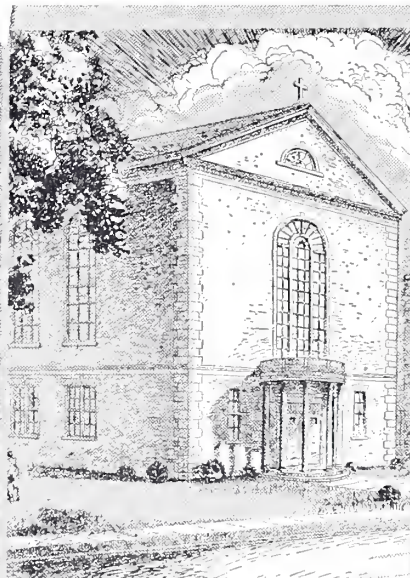
I am delighted to add my best wishes for a memorable conference.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Lutz Celebrated First Anniversary Recently

Dr. L. D. Patterson, who organized the church one year ago, preached the sermon when the church at Lutz celebrated its first anniversary some six weeks ago. The Rev. Bill Tiffon, pastor of the church, reports that the charter membership roll was closed at that time with 107 members.

A site has been purchased for the new church building and most of the 134 persons who attended the anniversary service went to this new site to enjoy food and fellowship.



You are also invited to take a copy of the July-August number of *The Upper Room* with you on your vacation, so that you may continue uninterrupted use of this daily devotional guide during the vacation season. If you do not have a standing (group) order or personal subscription, send in your order now to start with the July-August number. Ten or more copies to one address, 7c per copy. Individual yearly subscriptions \$1, three years \$2.

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ward to Bishop Moore

Bishop Arthur J. Moore was named "Methodist of the Year" by **World Outlook**, national Methodist magazine of missions. The magazine's annual award is presented to Bishop Moore by son, Arthur J. Moore, Jr., New York, **World Outlook** associate editor. About 275 persons attended. The citation given to Bishop Moore said that he was named "Methodist of the Year" because of his "outstanding service to the missionary enterprise of the Methodist Church." **World Outlook** has a circulation of about 10,000.

Bishop Moore has been president of the Methodist Board of Missions since its organization in 1900. He will retire in July, ending his 20 years as president of a board which has mission work in the United States and 45 countries overseas. Bishop Moore is commissioned more than 1,000 missionaries and deaconesses for service at home and abroad.

At the dinner, Mrs. J. Fount, chairman of Lewisburg, Tenn., president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, presented to Bishop Moore a bound volume of testimonial letters. The more than 200 letters were written by Methodist missionaries around the world.

The dinner was sponsored jointly by the Board of Missions and the Methodist Crusade Scholarship Committee. Bishop Lloyd C. Burke of Pittsburgh, Pa., chairman of the Crusade Scholarship Committee, spoke on behalf of that committee. Among those attending the dinner were Board of Missions members and staff, missionaries, overseas delegates to the General Conference, and members of the Crusade Scholarship and Week of Dedication committees.

Church Administrators Meet At Junaluska

The seventh annual Conference of Church Administration sponsored by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council and the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education will be held July 15-19 at Lake Junaluska, N.C. Local churches are urged to send their business managers, financial secretaries, treasurers, and others working in church administration.

Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of First Park Methodist Church in Charlotte, N. C., and Dr. Arthur J. Moore, Jr., president of the organization, will be among the speakers. Mrs. Evelyn F. Losey, financial secretary at First Methodist Church in Birmingham,

RETIRING



ALBERT C. HOOVER

Chicago—The Rev. Frank E. Shuler, Jr., of Middletown, Ohio, has been named director of the Statistical Office of The Methodist Church, with offices at 740 Rush Street, Chicago. He will succeed the Rev. Albert C. Hoover, who will retire from the post on May 31.

Announcement of Shuler's appointment was made by Bishop Hazen G. Werner of the Ohio Area and the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago, general secretary of the church's Council on World Service and Finance, to which the statistical office is related. Shuler began his work in Chicago about April 15.

Shuler has served on the treasurer's staff for the Ohio Annual Conference, the Ohio Area Publicity and Promotion and has been a member of the Conference Urban Life Committee.

His special studies have included such varied fields as the effect

of publicity upon the floridation issue in Cincinnati, Ohio, factors affecting neighborhood solidarity in blight areas, juvenile delinquency, and a survey of racial attitudes in The Methodist Church and with Church leaders.

He is co-author of "Road to Brotherhood," published by the General Board of Social and Economic Relations and author of a number of articles on sociological studies.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, Shuler was graduated from high school in Tallahassee, Fla., and received the bachelor of arts degree from Otterbein University, with a major in sociology. He holds the bachelor of divinity degree from Duke University, Durham, N. C., and the master of arts degree in research sociology.

Dr. Hart Joins Florida Southern College Faculty

Lakeland (Special)—Dr. Hornell Hart, professor of sociology at Centre College, will join the faculty of Florida Southern College this fall. Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., president of the college, announced today.

Dr. Hart is widely known as one of the major authors of "Technology and Social Change," the sociology textbook adopted by leading universities of the country.

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, Dr. Hart comes from a family of educators. His father was a member of the Sage Foundation, his uncle was a professor of history at Harvard University and his younger brother heads the economic department of Columbia University.

He was graduated from Oberlin College in 1910 and received his master's degree from the University of Wisconsin. He earned his Ph.D. degree at the University of Iowa.

Dr. Hart began his educational career at Bryn Mawr College where he taught for nine years. In 1938 he accepted a position at Duke University and remained there for 20 years as professor of sociology. In the fall of 1957 he was appointed John Hay Whitney Foundation Visiting Professor of Sociology at Centre College.

He is currently the director of the Project for Comparative Analysis of Recent Introductory Sociologies, in which upwards of 900 university and college teachers have participated.

His book "Autoconditioning—The New Way to a Successful Life," was a best seller in 1956 and has since been translated into Danish and Japanese.

Dr. Hart will join the faculty of Florida Southern as a visiting professor of sociology.

My Neighbors



"Why take vitamins? They just make you feel better so you can worry about taxes harder!"

Purely Personal

Dr. Ralph Pierce, retired minister now living in Lakeland who became the interim pastor at First Church several years ago when Dr. R. J. Broyles was stricken, occupied the pulpit at First Church on May 1st while the pastor, Dr. C. M. Cotton was attending General Conference.

The Rev. E. F. Mayton is to be the Homecoming preacher for the Rev. W. L. Windsor and the people of Branford on May 22. Mr. Windsor reports a full Easter program in his churches and a successful year in every department.

Dr. Durward Long, presently on the staff of United Christian Action, will become a member of the faculty of Florida Southern College on June 15th.

Dr. George A. Foster, pastor at Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale, was the preacher at the formal opening and consecration of the new church plant at Christ Church in that city. The Rev. Lee R. Van Sickle is pastor of this young congregation.

The Rev. and Mrs. Alfred B. Vaught of Ormond Beach announce the arrival of Juanita Jane Vaught on April 12th. The maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Glenn C. James of Trinity, Tallahassee.

The Rev. Wilbur Smith, missionary to Brazil, preached at Tice and spoke to the youth groups of the church on May 8th.

Sam Bell, son of Dr. and Mrs. S. Paris Bell, pastor at Community Church, Daytona Beach, has been elected president of the student body of Dartmouth College at Hanover, New Hampshire. Following graduation next year, young Bell hopes to enroll at Duke University for his law degree.

The Rev. O. C. Driskell, pastor at Trinity, Lakeland, and his wife and sons, ages 8, 7 and 4, drove to Denver and back, pulling a trailer, to attend some of the sessions of the General Conference. They are expected back in mid-May.

Prof. William Spivey of Florida Southern College played the Mother's Day offertory at Beymer Memorial, Winter Haven. He played his own composition, "Adaigo from Sonata in C Minor," which he has dedicated to Moody L. Chisholm, minister of music at Beymer and the founder and director of the Ridge Oratorio Society.

HEADS "THE STORY"



Rev. Bowdoin

The Rev. Herbert L. Bowdoin of Lakeland, Conference Evangelist, is the president of The Story, Inc., the organization that is engaged in creating professionally produced evangelistic television programs in color. Rev. Bowdoin has shown the original pilot film throughout the state and it has been well received by the industry and the churches alike. The first series recently has been completed and it now seems likely that the program may appear coast to coast on nationally sponsored time.

Mr. Jimmy Sowder, layman of the Asbury Church, Bartow, is the executive vice president of the organization and the Rev. Ford Philpot, of Lexington, Ky., is the minister for the series.

In addition to this work, Rev.

Bowdoin has been busy in meetings throughout the year. He has held meetings in Coral Gables Plant City, Spinghead, Haines City, Norfolk, Va., Fayetteville, W. Va., and Corfu, N. Y. He has also led the singing in a number of revivals.

An eyewitness account of

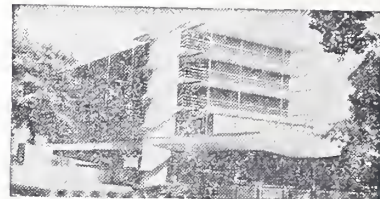
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The WORLD SERVICE program of The Methodist Church for the coming fiscal year is dependent on the money which is received from local churches by

Church Members:

It will help greatly if all World Service pledges are brought up to date and balances due paid through May.

Church Treasurers:

It is urgent that all money on hand be sent to Annual Conference treasurers by May 31, the end of the fiscal year.



Annual and Quadrennial DEADLINE

1960
→ May 31

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GLEANINGS FROM HERE and THERE

April 17th was Homecoming at Bowling Green. A former pastor, the Rev. H. G. Cowan, was preacher for the day and the former pastors who attended included: the Rev. J. W. Austine, the Rev. John F. Clark and Rev. L. P. Driskell.

Members of the Senior MYF of First Church, Dade City, wound up a month of programs in the Christian Citizenship field by attending en-masse one of the primary political rallies held in its vicinity.

The Rev. R. L. Hayes, pastor at Arcadia, preached in a day revival at Bowling Green last month. The Rev. M. M. Merenda of Wauchula and Mr. C. M. Lawrence, a local layman, directed the music. The Rev. E. T. Standish is pastor at Bowling Green.

The Rev. C. W. A. Bredemeier, of the Crystal Beach Community Church; the Rev. M. A. Seiver, of the Ozona Baptist Church; the Rev. Marvin Eiland of the Curlew Baptist Church; the Rev. Ferne Eiland of the Curlew Methodist Church; the Rev. Karl Koestline, retired minister; and the Rev. O. Howell, host pastor, all participated in Union Good Friday services at the Palm Harbor Methodist Church.

A family night dinner to be held during Conference week, with all member pastors to be invited to be present, is being planned by Trinity Church, Lakeland.

The MYF at First Church, Bushnell, led early morning devotions and the WSCS furnished breakfast to those who attended throughout Holy Week. The group exchanged the week's activities by attending the Passion Play in the Wales on Good Friday.

A churchwide picnic which ended with a Galilean Vespers service on the shores of Tampa Bay at sunset was a part of the Holy Week observance of the Olds Park Church, St. Petersburg.

Mr. Ranold F. Plott, a member of the Central Kansas Conference and a staff member of the Department of Finance of the Division of National Missions, preached at First Church, St. Petersburg, May 1st. Dr. Plott is leading First Church in an Improvement Campaign and Budget Crusade.

The Rev. William W. Roughton, pastor at Goss Memorial, Orlando,

was the revival preacher for the Rev. T. C. O'Steen at First Church

Seven ministers of as many denominations joined for the first time to conduct a union Good Friday service in Plant City this year.

The Rev. Clyde C. Frazier of Brooksville was the preacher at the first Homecoming Day at First Church, Bushnell. Mr. Frazier served the Bushnell church from 1920 to 1923. The Rev. James S. Jones of Mount Dora, pastor from 1951-1954, preached in the afternoon following the old fashioned basket dinner.

A traveling Easter Lily which spent each day of Holy Week with a different shut-in was a project of the 5th-grade Church School Class at Tamiami Temple, Miami.

The Old Timer



"A budget helps you pay as you go—if you don't go anywhere."

Mr. Ken Randolph of GOODWILL INDUSTRIES presented a program on the evening of Mother's Day at Palm Harbor.

The Rev. Harry C. Parham, pastor at Lake Placid, was the preacher and Mr. Charles Selph of Winter Haven was the song leader in a recent revival held at Morrison Memorial, Leesburg.

The Rev. Robert D. Bledsoe of Haines City was the revival preacher for the Rev. G. Odell Miley and the people of First Church, Bushnell, recently.

Dade City Presbyterians joined the Methodists for the Maundy Thursday Communion service held in First Church.

The Palm Harbor Church lost two of its oldest members recently in the passing of Mr. H. P. Purvis and Mrs. Mary Potter.

Ashram Announced

Dr. Claude H. Thompson, professor of systematic theology at Emory University, will be director for the "ashram" or interdenominational religious retreat to be held at Bridgewater, Va., July

16-22. The "ashram" will be held at Bridgewater College in the Shenandoah Valley some eight miles southwest of Washington, D. C. It will be one of 11 such meetings to be conducted throughout the country this summer.

The ashram was introduced into this country from India by Dr. E. Stanley Jones, missionary, author and evangelist. They have spread from India to Japan, Africa and Europe. Dr. Jones will be present again this year to conduct the Bridgewater Ashram.

Miss Margaret Lander, 747 Juniper St., NE, Apt. 5, Atlanta 8, Ga., is secretary-treasurer in charge of registrations for the Bridgewater event.

Staff will include Miss Estelle Carver in charge of the Bible hour. The Rev. Charles Johnson of Vincennes, Ind., as music director, Mrs. Anna Mow, director of prayer, Dr. Thompson and Dr. Jones.

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Men at Work

The weatherman failed to cooperate with the Methodist Men of First Church, Lakeland on the occasion of the club's Father and Son night in April. It has been announced that tickets for the dinner would be good for admission to the local Florida League ball game later in the evening but the game was rained out!

Mr. Winn Upchurch and **Mr. Henry W. Osborn** presented a program on Africa for the April meeting of Methodist Men at Christ Church, St. Petersburg.

The Methodist Men of the Fort Myers area held their monthly Prayer Breakfast on May 2nd at the Fort Myers Beach Church.

Dr. Robert MacGowan of the Florida Southern College faculty was guest speaker at the April meeting of the Methodist Men of First Church, Clermont.

Christ Church Receives 107 New Members

Palm Sunday was called "Victory Sunday" at Christ Church, St. Petersburg. It was the time of the Lenten Ingathering. The reception of 107 new members, 56 of them on confession of faith, followed a week of preaching mission under the leadership of Bishop Ivan Lee Holt and four weeks of visitation by trained laymen and laywomen in the church.

Under the leadership of Rev. Harold L. Brooks, Associate Pastor, and Mr. Paul M. Trembley, Chairman of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, it was decided to break the precedent of receiving new members every Sunday. During the preceding month persons were encouraged to "Make a decision for Christ and His church" on Palm Sunday. Most of the decisions were made in the home, and such persons confirmed their decision in writing, and then availed themselves of membership training.

Dr. Paul R. Hortin, Senior minister of the church, feels that is one of the largest and best trained classes of membership to be received in recent years.

With the reception of this class the number of persons received during Dr. Hortin's 29 years of ministry at Christ Church now totals 5,006 persons! The present membership of the church is now 3,725.

Over this period of years his Associates include: Rev. Guy A. Nelson, Rev. Charles Geiger, Rev. Arthur R. Charlesworth, Dr. Harold E. Buell, Rev. Leo F. King and Rev. Harold L. Brooks.

Older Adult Conference

The above picture was made at the Florida Conference Older Adult Conference held at the



Leesburg Youth Camp in 1959. In it, Dr. M. C. Cleveland, pastor of First Church, St. Petersburg, and Mrs. Floy Langford, the Conference President, are all dressed up for some of the "shenanigans" that characterize the lighter moments of these gatherings.

The Florida Conference for 1960 was held at the Youth Camp just last week. The leaders were announced in THE FLORIDA METHODIST for April 15th and you may be sure that a profitable and enjoyable Conference was enjoyed by all who attended.

Now comes announcement of the first Older Adult Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction to be held at Lake Junaluska, N. C., June 19-22.

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, Washington, D. C., secretary of U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, is expected to be the opening speaker for the meeting.

Theme of the four-day conference will be "Facing the Future with Faith."

The Rev. Hawley Lynn, Rock Hill, S. C., director of the conference, gave this purpose for the meeting:

"To provide guidance for people of mature years for healthful happy, useful living, and to provide guidance for persons in local churches who are responsible for planning and administering the program for older adults."

Other speakers include:

The Rev. Dr. M. Leo Rippey, who will retire at the end of May as minister of education at Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church,

BUILDINGS and IMPROVEMENTS

A new grand piano, given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sanders by their children, was dedicated at First Church, Plant City, on April 24. Dr. William Spivey of Florida Southern played the dedicatory number, one of his own compositions.

A new modern home for the parsonage family of Trinity, Lakeland, is within sight, officials report. The house selected has been approved by the official board, the Quarterly conference and the District Committee on church property location. The parsonage committee now is working on the financing plan after which the matter will go before a membership meeting for final approval.

The church and parsonage at First Church, Bushnell, have been painted recently. Several memorial stained glass windows picturing Jesus and the disciples were dedicated at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, on April 24. The church is preparing a descriptive folder with the windows pictured in color.

The Rev. Edward L. Dinkins, Jr., pastor of First Church, Frostproof, reports that trustees are negotiating for the sale of the old church property to a local business man for \$6,250.00, the proceeds to be added to the new sanctuary fund.

Washington, D. C. He formerly was director of adult work for the Methodist Board of Education.

The Rev. Dr. Foye G. Gibson, administrator of Asbury Acres, Maryville, Tenn., Methodist home for aging people. He formerly was president of Scarritt College, Nashville.

The Rev. Dr. T. Cecil Myers, pastor of Memorial Methodist Church, Cartersville, Ga.

The Rev. Dr. Henry I. Glass, dean of Memorial Chapel at Junaluska, will lead worship services.

Work groups on seven subjects are scheduled under the direction of leaders of adult work from several states.

The conference is sponsored by the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, in cooperation with the Methodist General Board of Education and Methodist annual conference boards of education in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Registrar for the conference is the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, Lake Junaluska program director.

Report Shows Need for Methodist Ministers

The Methodist Church needs at least 8,000 new ministers during the next four years.

The ministers are needed to fill the new churches that will result from expansion and to replace the ministers who will retire, or be lost from service for other reasons.

This was reported to the Methodist General Conference in a triennial study of the denomination's ministry.

The report also said that if supply pastors who do not expect to be re-elected for conference membership and become full-fledged ministers are to be replaced during the 1960-64 quadrennium, nearly 5,000 additional ministers would be needed during the four years.

The denomination presently has little under 28,000 ministers. More than 18,000 of them are in full connection, and 6,665 are appointed supplies. The rest are in other categories.

The responsibility for recruiting ministers rests primarily with the churches of Methodism, the report said.

Every study of the influences affecting men to respond to the call to the ministry," said the report, shows the pre-eminent importance of the local pastor and the influence in the vocational decision." Methodist theological schools are continually expanding and are trying to prepare more men and women for the ministry than are presently enrolled.

Conferences on the ministry are being held to try to stimulate interest in the ministry as a vocation.

The Department of Ministerial Education of the Methodist Board of Christian Education has added an office for ministerial recruitment.

An annual "Ministry Sunday," when the pastor would interpret the ministry to his congregation, has been proposed.

The quadrennial study of the ministry also reported that the Methodist ministry is getting younger. The median age for pastors in full connection was a little over 42 years in 1959 as compared to nearly 50 in 1948.

Earlier retirements are a factor in the lower median age, said the report. Dr. J. Richard Spann, Nashville, Tenn., director of in-service education in the Department of Ministerial Education of the Methodist Board of Christian Education, said the department was responsible for the study.

Since ministers can now be unemployed for social security," said Dr. Spann, "more of them are retiring before reaching the mandatory retirement age than in the past,

especially those with lower salaries."

Dr. Spann also said that during World War I and World War II about 25 per cent fewer ministers were recruited than normal, and that is contributing to the lower median age now.

Among other findings of the study are the following:

—The Methodist ministry is becoming better educated. In 1959, about 62 per cent of the ministers in full connection had graduated from seminary, while in 1956 less than 49 per cent had done so. More than 82 per cent of those admitted into full connection in 1959 were seminary graduates.

—About 75 per cent of the pastors serve churches or charges with less than 500 members.

—Nearly 65 per cent of the pastors were living in communities of less than 10,000 population when they were licensed to preach.

—In 1959, 222 women were approved as supply pastors, 56 were received on trial as ministerial members of annual conferences, and 39 into full connection. The Methodist Church granted women full clergy rights in 1956.

Research for the study was done by the Rev. G. Ross Freeman, who is on the administrative staff of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta. Information from various sources was utilized.

A historical section entitled "The Struggle for a Trained Ministry in The Methodist Church," was prepared by Methodist Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va.

The Rev. Dr. Gerald O. McCullough, Nashville, is director of theological education in the Department of Ministerial Education.

Dr. Sockman Is Cited

The Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, frequently described as the best known Methodist minister, was cited as the "Distinguished Alumnus of 1959" at a dinner for alumni of Methodist colleges, universities and seminaries, held during the General Conference.

Dr. Sockman is pastor of Christ Church (Methodist), New York City. He was named associate pastor of the church in 1916, following his ordination, and pastor a year later. His 44 years of service at the church is a record at one church for Methodist ministers active today.

There are 136 colleges, universities, and other schools in the United States related to The Methodist Church, and most of them were represented at the dinner.

Dr. Sockman is an alumnus of Ohio Wesleyan University, Dela-

ware, Ohio. He also has master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees from Columbia University and honorary degrees from several schools.

Since 1928, Dr. Sockman has been on the "National Radio Pulpit," and he has been called America's most popular radio preacher.

The citation praised Dr. Sockman for his loyalty to Ohio Wesleyan and his service to Christ Church, to New York City, and the rest of the world.

It said that from the pulpit and through radio and television he has interpreted the Christian gospel "to more persons than have been reached by any other preacher of our time."

"Your voice has been persistent in behalf of all those causes that seek to assure the children of God the rights and privileges that belong to their heritage," the citation said.

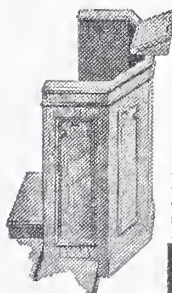
The citation was from the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church and the Methodist Commission on Christian Higher Education. It was presented by Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., chairman of the commission.

Principal speaker for the occasion was A. B. Sackett, headmaster of Kingswood School in Bath, England. The oldest Methodist school, it was established in 1729 by John Wesley, founder of Methodism, and has been in operation ever since.

Last year, Stanley S. Kresge, Detroit businessman, received the 1958 distinguished Methodist alumnus citation. It was the first such citation made.

Dr. Sockman has been a member of the Methodist Board of World Peace more than 35 years, and he has been president of the board all but two of those years.

The 70-year-old minister was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He has written several books.



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Florida Missionaries Join Philippine Conference



Norman Duncan



Eunice Duncan

The following are some excerpts from a letter written by Norman and Eunice Duncan, Florida missionaries to the Philippines, written last February but only recently received by many of their friends here in the States.

The Central Conference meets here in Manila every four years to elect or reelect the bishop and to conduct other business. If the General Conference will allow another bishop then there will be two to be elected. This is all a sign of the continuing growth of the Methodist Church in the Philippines.

Bishop Valencia suggested that we join the Northwest Philippine Annual Conference which we did recently. Norman was received into full connection in this Conference and was ordained an Elder. Some say that this is the first time in the history of the Methodist Church in the Philippines that an American was ordained by a Filipino. For more than 60 years Filipinos have been receiving ordination at the hands of Americans. Now the reverse is occurring. This is another sign that the church here has "come of age."

Our Annual Conference met in Dagupan City near where the American Army landed on Luzon in World War II. This is about 100 miles north of Manila. Norman was pleasantly surprised at the progress which has been made here, even in the rural areas, in these past 15 years. We were also pleasantly surprised at the high quality and educational achievements of the ministers in our conference. America and the Methodist Church can rest as-

sured that the great investment which they have made in the Philippines has not been made in vain. We have a firm faith that the Philippines will continue on the road of progress as a Christian and democratic nation.

Our work at the Philippine Christian College, Mary Johnston School of Nursing, and St. Paul Church continues about the same. The students and teachers are happy about the new building which the college is to have later this year. This will be made possible by contributions from you Methodists in America.

The car which the Board bought for us out of your contributions to the "Norman Duncan Equipment Fund" has arrived, but it is still tied up with red tape at the customs office. We hope to get it soon now.

Your contributions to the work we are doing here should be sent to your Conference Treasurer.

Contributions may be designated for:

1. Norman Duncan Work—Philippines. Contributions sent in for this purpose will go into the work of the local churches and church extension.
2. Norman Duncan Equipment Fund—Philippines. This will go to finish paying for our car and the cost of shipping it.
3. Norman Duncan, Philippine Christian College Building—Philippines. These contributions will go to pay for a new building and new equipment for the Philippine Christian College.

The fellow who says he'll meet you half way usually thinks he's standing on the dividing line.

Maverick Club to Meet

Attention ministers and laymen who have graduated from a college or seminary that is not represented by an organization during Annual Conference! The Maverick Club is an organization for such graduates. We will be meeting during conference on June the 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Some of the Universities and Schools of Theology that are either represented in this group, or might be represented are; Perkins School of Theology at SMU, Union Theological Seminary, Yale Divinity School, Westminster Theological School, Crozier Theological School, Wesley Theological Seminary, Drew Theological Seminary, Temple University, Iliff Theological School, etc.

The present chairman is the Rev. Donald Walling, P. O. Box 5246, Sarasota, Florida. Anyone desiring further information please contact him, or the Rev. Robert F. Hays, Crescent City Florida.

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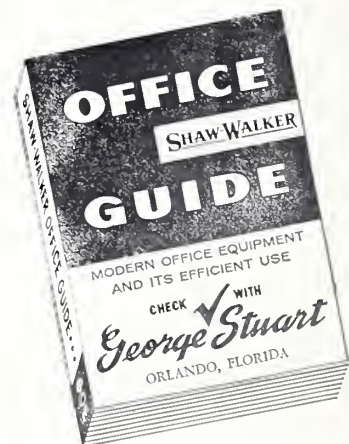
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